

Cameras

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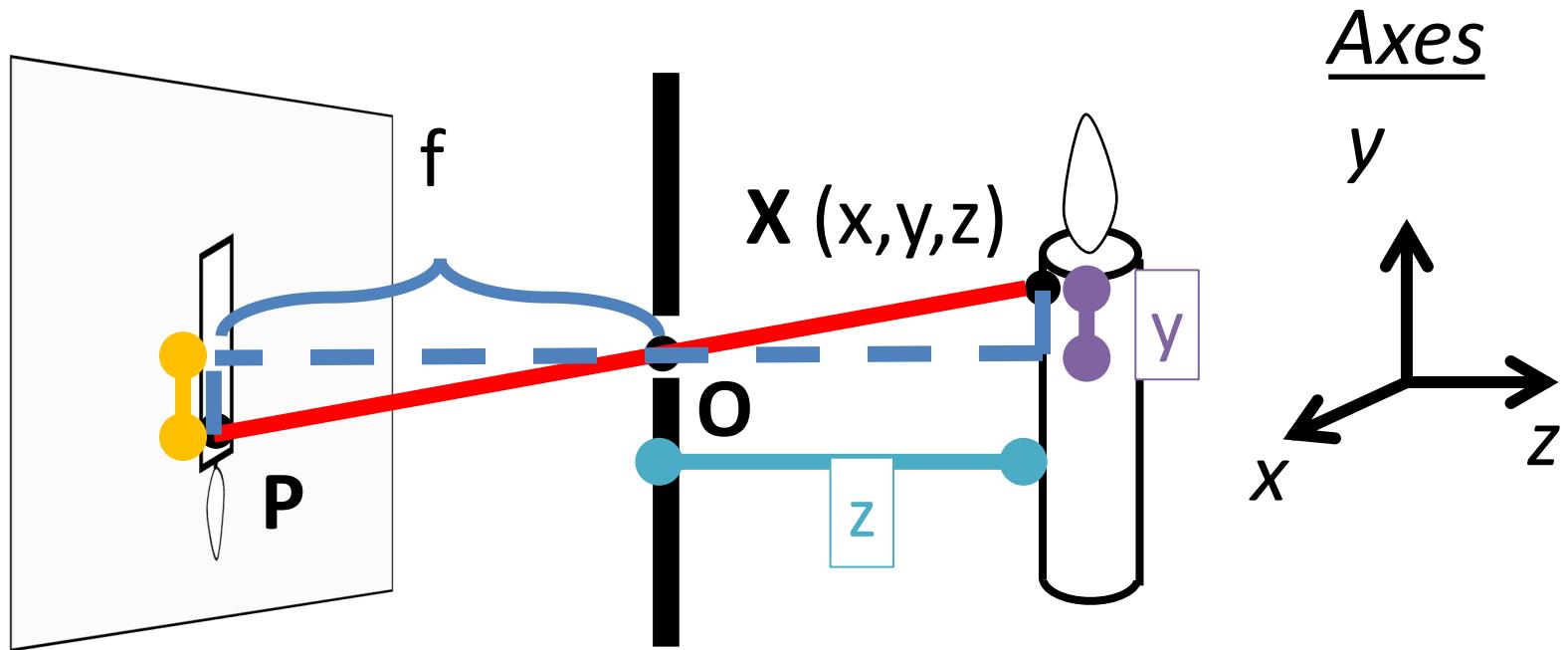
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Administrivia

Logistics:

- Discussion sections start today. So please try to attend.
- Office hour schedules can be seen on the class calendar (link found on the course website)
- Lecture note uploaded before the lecture
- If you're rusty on linear algebra, please look at a linear algebra recap lecture note I'll post later this week.

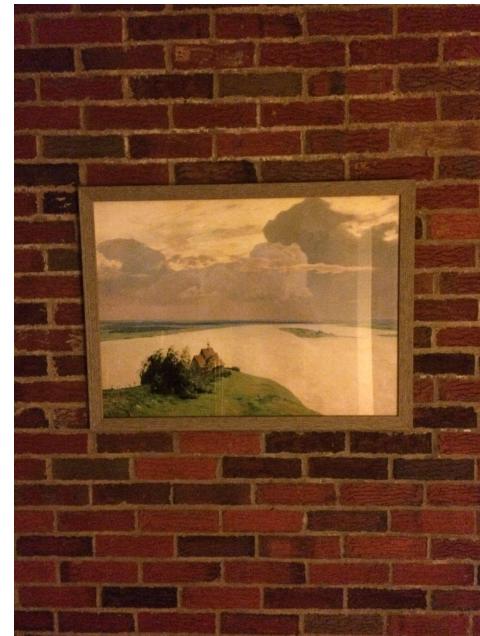
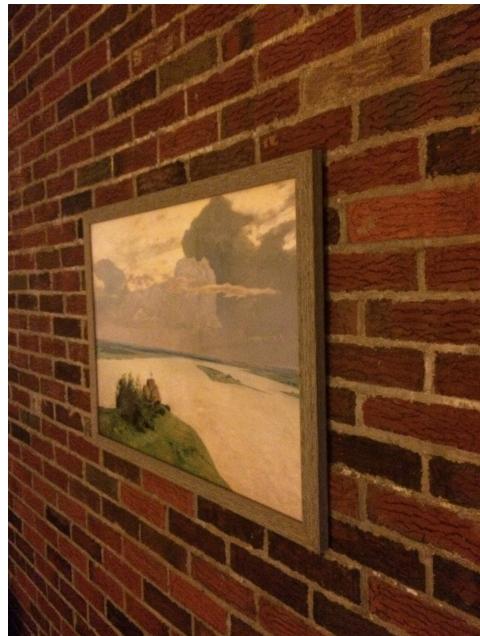
Recap: Projection Equations



Coordinate system: O is origin, XY in image, Z sticks out.
XY is image plane, Z is optical axis.

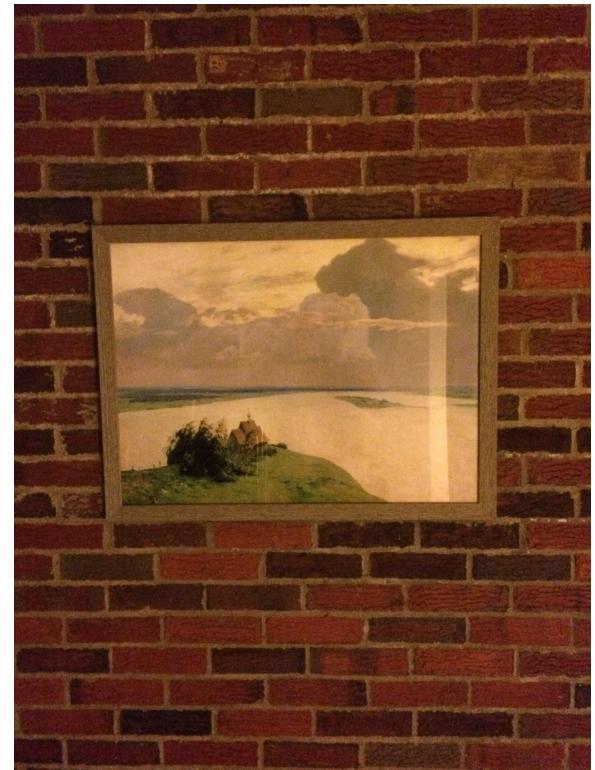
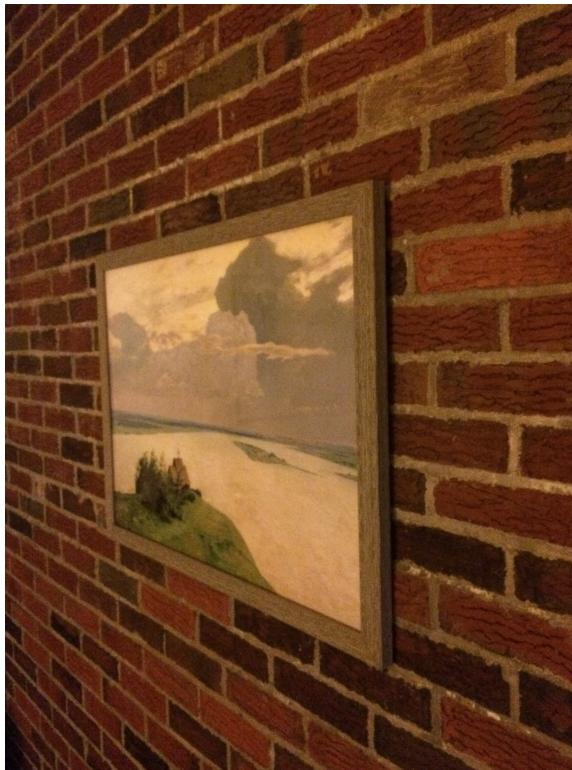
(x, y, z) projects to $(fx/z, fy/z)$ via similar triangles

Recap: Perspective



Things looking different when viewed from different angles seems like a nuisance. It's also a cue. **Why?**

Do You Always Get Perspective?



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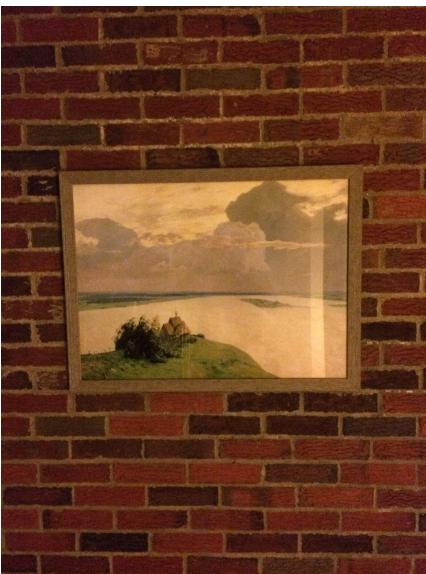


Y location of
blue and red
dots in image:

$$\frac{fy}{z_2} \quad \frac{fy}{z_1}$$

$$\frac{fy}{z} \quad \frac{fy}{z}$$

Do You Always Get Perspective?

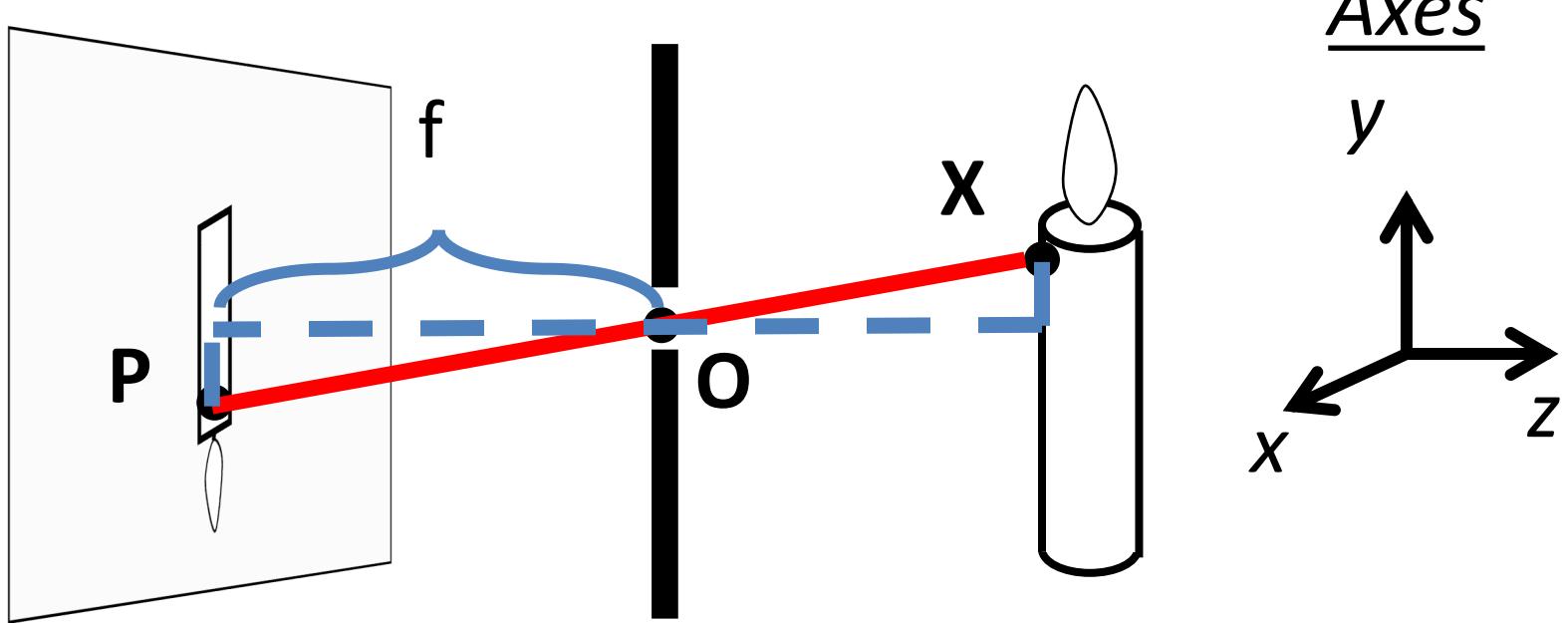


When plane is fronto-parallel
(parallel to camera plane),
everything is:

- scaled by f/z
- otherwise is preserved.

Provides us the cue of the view angle!

Projection Equation

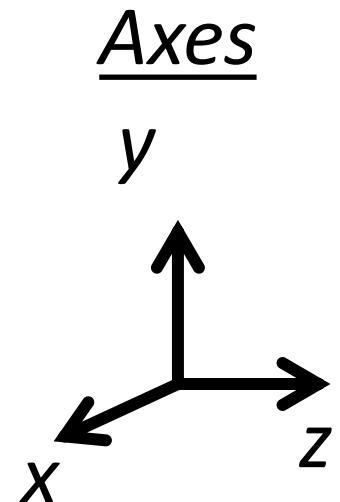
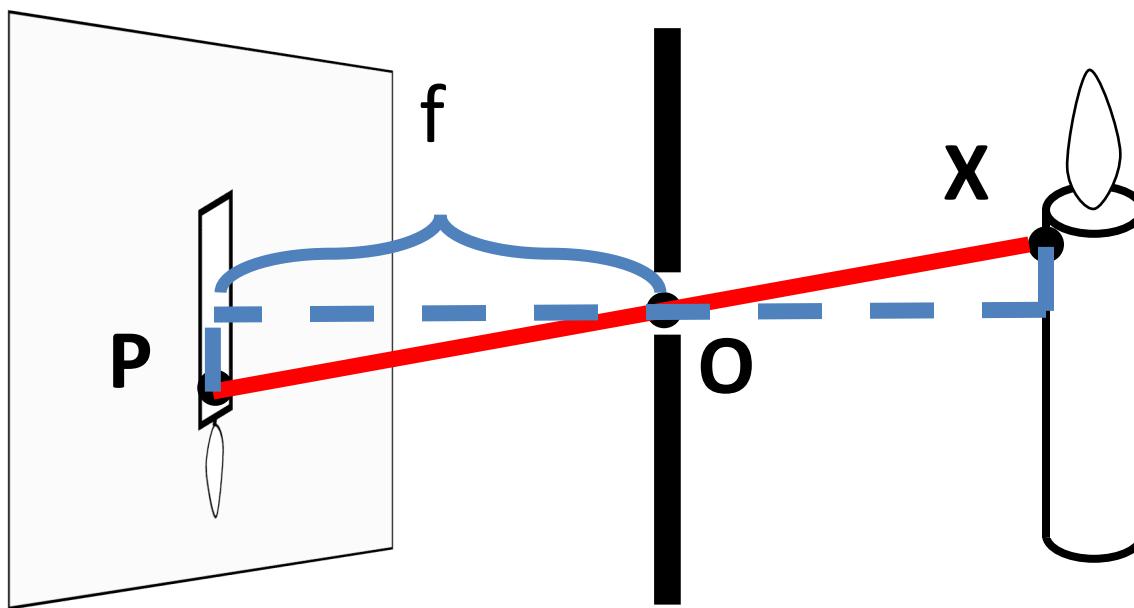


$$(x, y, z) \rightarrow (fx/z, fy/z)$$

I promised you linear algebra: is this linear?

Nope: division by z is non-linear
(and risks division by 0)

Projection Equation



$$(x, y, z) \rightarrow (fx/z, fy/z)$$

No 2×3 matrix satisfy below for any (x, y, z)

$$\begin{bmatrix} fx/z \\ fy/z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

Homogeneous Coordinates (2D)

Trick: add a dimension!

This also clears up lots of nasty special cases

Cartesian
Point

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$



Concat
 $w=1$

Homogeneous
Point

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$



Divide
by w

Cartesian
Point

$$\begin{bmatrix} u/w \\ v/w \end{bmatrix}$$

What if $w = 0$?

**Infinitely far away point.
Or a direction (not point)**

Homogeneous Coordinates

Triple /
Equivalent

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \\ w' \end{bmatrix}$$

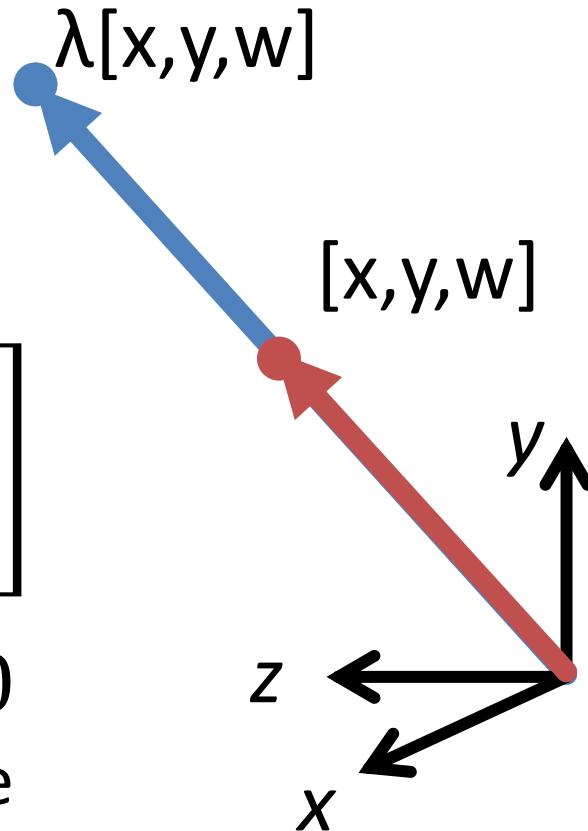
\leftrightarrow

Double /
Equals

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \\ w' \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda \neq 0$$

Two homogeneous coordinates are **equivalent** if they are proportional to each other. **Not = !**



Benefits of Homogeneous Coords

General equation of 2D line:

$$ax + by + c = 0$$

Homogeneous Coordinates

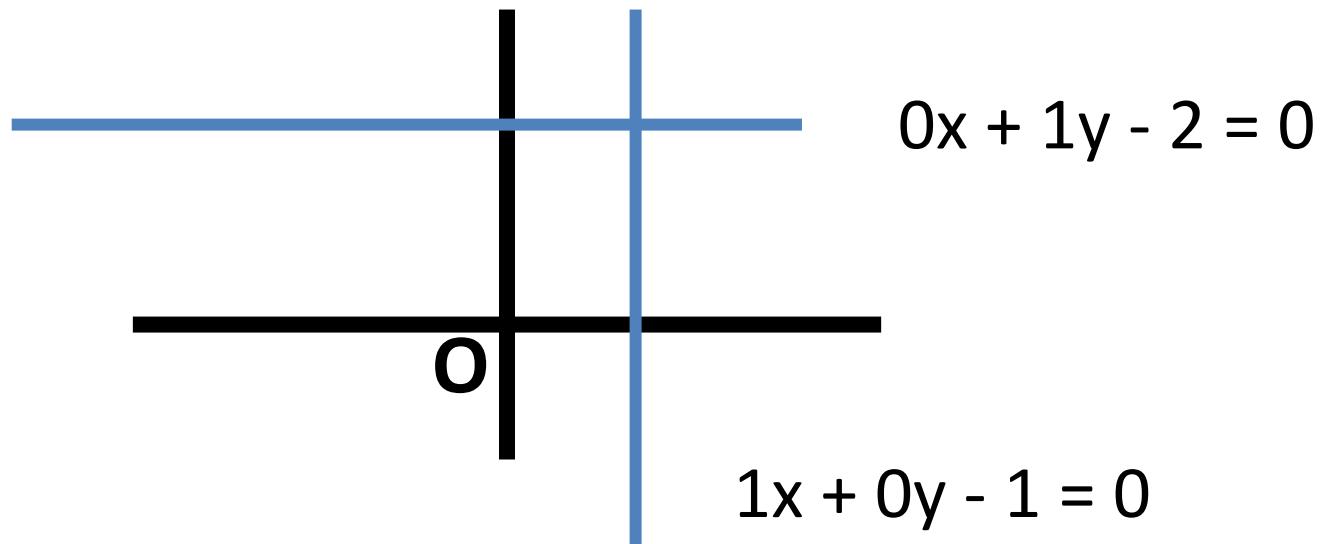
$$\mathbf{l}^T \mathbf{p} = 0, \quad \mathbf{l} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Benefits of Homogeneous Coords

- Lines (3D) and points (2D → 3D) are now the same dimension.
- Use the *cross (x)* and *dot product* for:
 - Intersection of lines \mathbf{l} and \mathbf{m} : $\mathbf{l} \times \mathbf{m}$
 - Line through two points \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q} : $\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{q}$
 - Point \mathbf{p} on line \mathbf{l} : $\mathbf{l}^T \mathbf{p} = 0$
- Parallel lines, vertical lines become easy (compared to $y=mx+b$)

Benefits of Homogeneous Coords

What's the intersection?

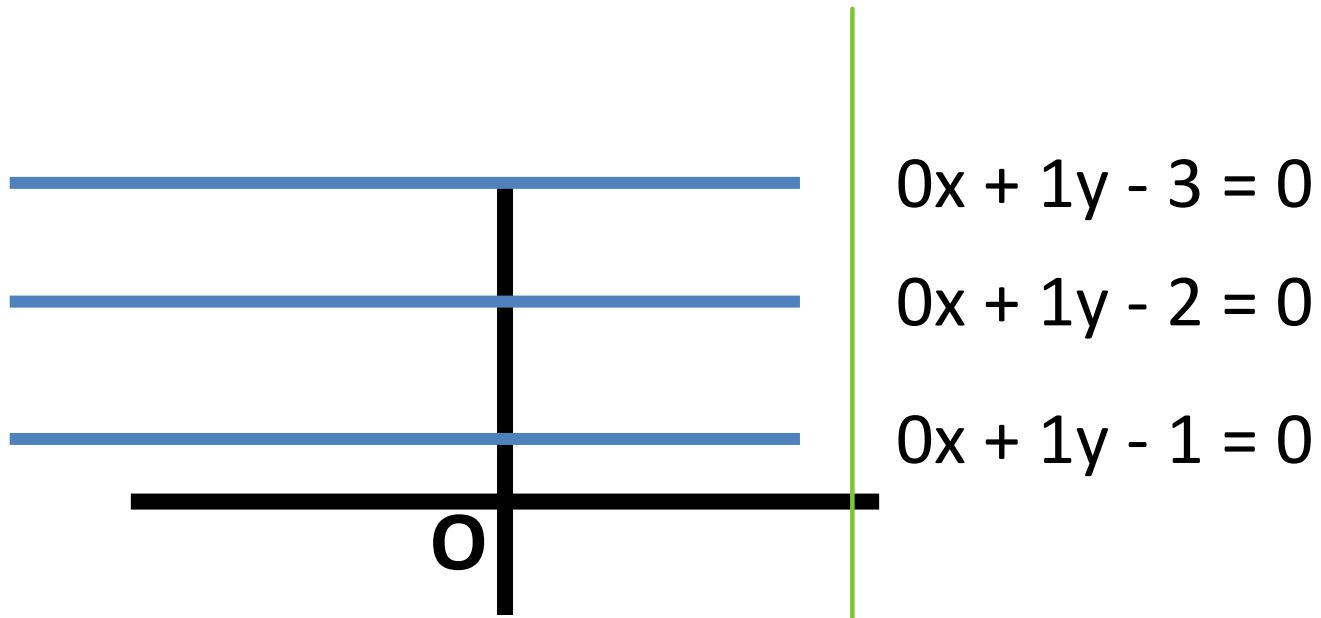


$$[0,1,-2] \times [1,0,-1] = [-1,-2,\textcolor{red}{-1}]$$

Converting back (divide by $\textcolor{red}{-1}$)

$$(1,2)$$

Benefits of Homogeneous Coords



Intersection of $y=2$, $y=1$

$$[0,1,-2] \times [0,1,-1] = [1,0,0]$$

means this point is at infinity.
it describes a direction rather than a particular point.

Do all 3 lines intersect at the same place?

$$l^T p = 0 \quad [0,1,-3]^T [1,0,0] = 0$$

This is a way to show or prove a point is on a line. 你直接表达出无限远处交会。

Three lines intersect at the "same point."

Benefits of Homogeneous Coords

这样的 linear operation 是 Cartesian Coordinate 中无法实现的。

Translation is now linear / matrix-multiply

If $w = 1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \\ w' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u + t_x \\ v + t_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Translate from [u, v] to Carte. $u+t_x, v+t_y$

Generically

$$\begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \\ w' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u + wt_x \\ v + wt_y \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

Rigid body transforms (rot + trans) now linear

$$\begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \\ w' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & t_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

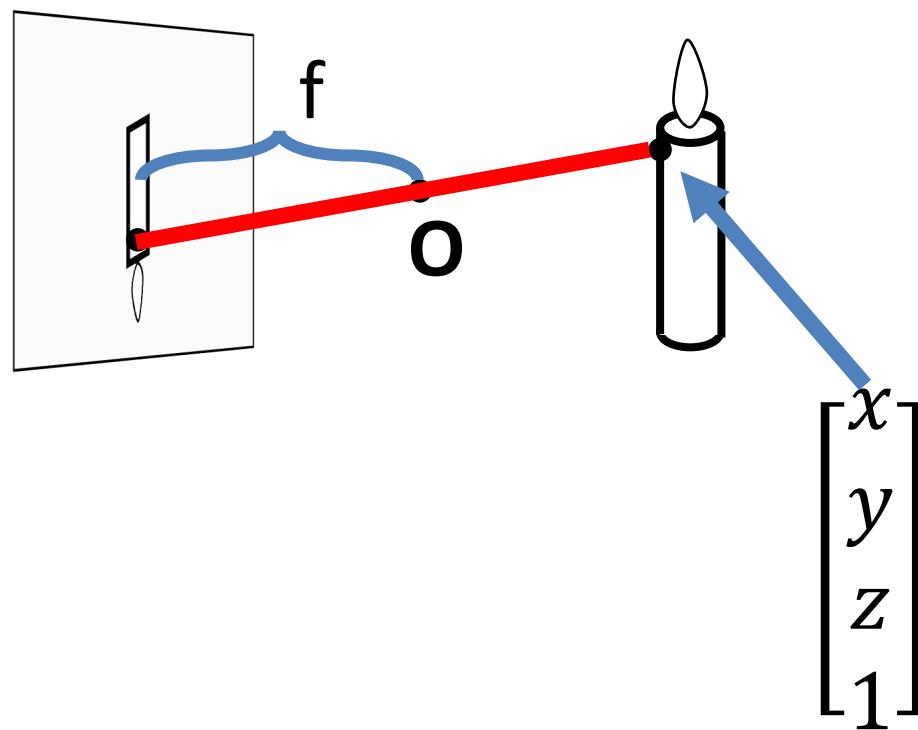
3D Homogeneous Coordinates

Same story: add a coordinate, things are equivalent if they're proportional

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \\ t \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} u/t \\ v/t \\ w/t \end{bmatrix}$$

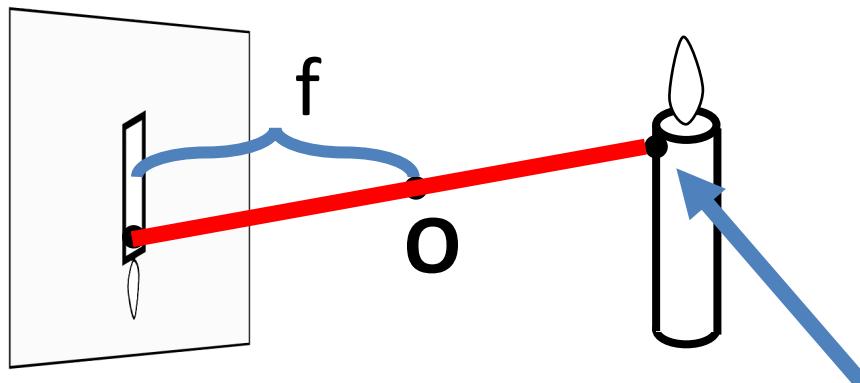
Projection Matrix

Projection is matrix multiplication



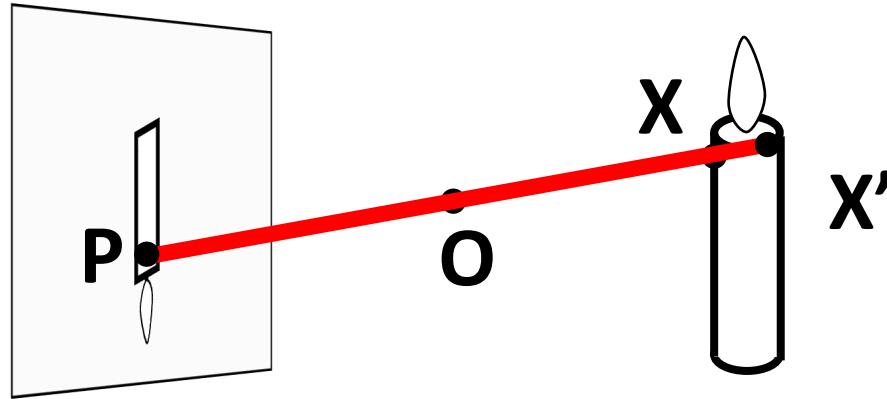
Projection Matrix

Projection is matrix multiplication



$$\begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} fx \\ fy \\ z \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} fx/z \\ fy/z \end{bmatrix}$$

Why $\equiv \neq =$



Project X and X' to the image and
compare them

YES
$$\begin{bmatrix} fx \\ fy \\ z \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} fx' \\ fy' \\ z' \end{bmatrix}$$

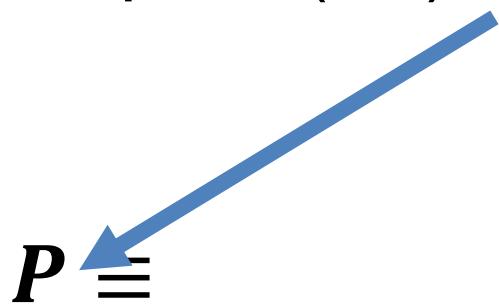
proportional to each other

NO
$$\begin{bmatrix} fx \\ fy \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} fx' \\ fy' \\ z' \end{bmatrix}$$

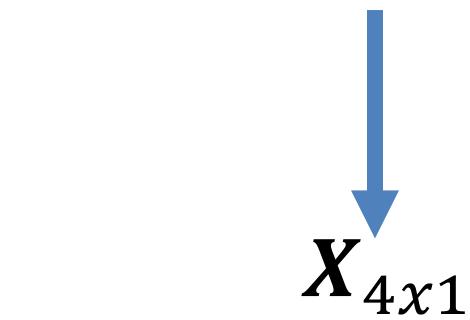
they are not equal to each other

Typical Perspective Model

P : 2D homogeneous
point (3D)



X : 3d homogeneous
point (4D)



Typical Perspective Model

R: rotation between
world system and
camera

t: translation
between world
system and camera

$$P \equiv$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_{3 \times 3} \\ t_{3 \times 1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X_{4 \times 1}$$

Typical Perspective Model

f focal length

$$P \equiv \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & u_0 \\ 0 & f & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

*↑
projection matrix*

adjust the locations of the 2D image plane
within the camera systems. Since the image sensor
u0,v0: principal point (image coords of camera origin on retina)
is not always aligned to the center of the pinhole.

$$[R_{3 \times 3} \quad t_{3 \times 1}] \quad X_{4 \times 1}$$

Typical Perspective Model

$$P \equiv \begin{matrix} \text{Intrinsic} \\ \text{Matrix } K \\ \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & u_0 \\ 0 & f & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Extrinsic} \\ \text{Matrix } [R,t] \\ \boxed{[R_{3x3} \quad t_{3x1}]} \end{matrix} \quad X_{4x1}$$

$$P \equiv K[R, t]X \equiv M_{3x4}X_{4x1}$$

Other Cameras – Orthographic

Orthographic Camera (collapse z dimension)

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} X_{3x1}$$



Image Credit: Wikipedia

Other Cameras – Orthographic

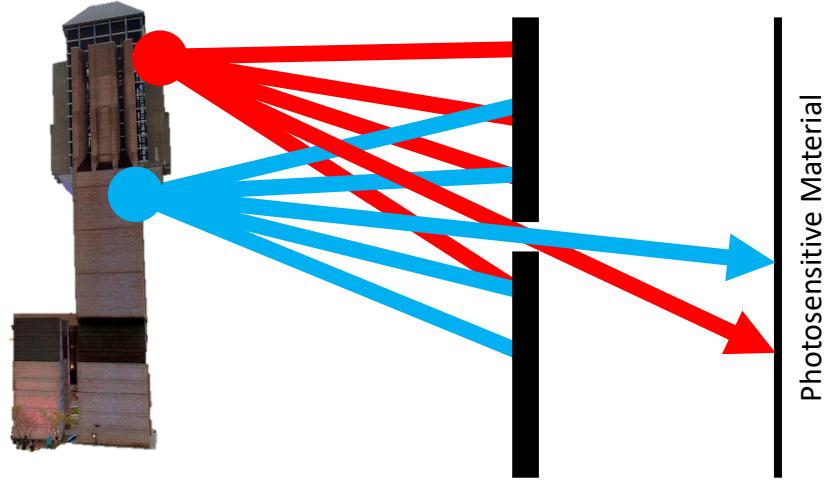
Why does this make things easy and
why is this popular in old games?



$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

No Perspective Effects (Less Design)
Less Computation

The Big Issue



Film captures all the rays going through a ***point*** (a *pencil of rays*).

How big is a point?

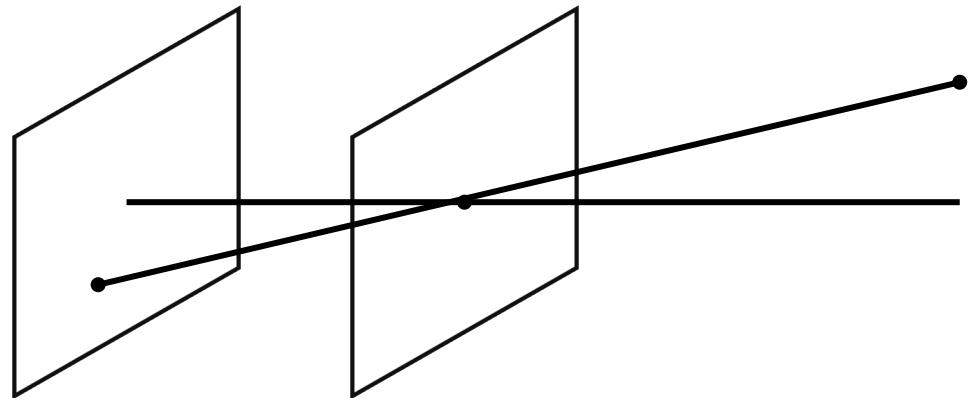
Math vs. Reality

- Math: Any point projects to one point
- Reality:
 - Don't image points behind the camera / objects
 - Don't have an infinite sensor resolution
- Other issues
 - Light is limited
 - Spooky stuff happens with infinitely small holes

Limitations of Pinhole Model

Ideal Pinhole

- 1 point generates 1 image
- Low-light levels**

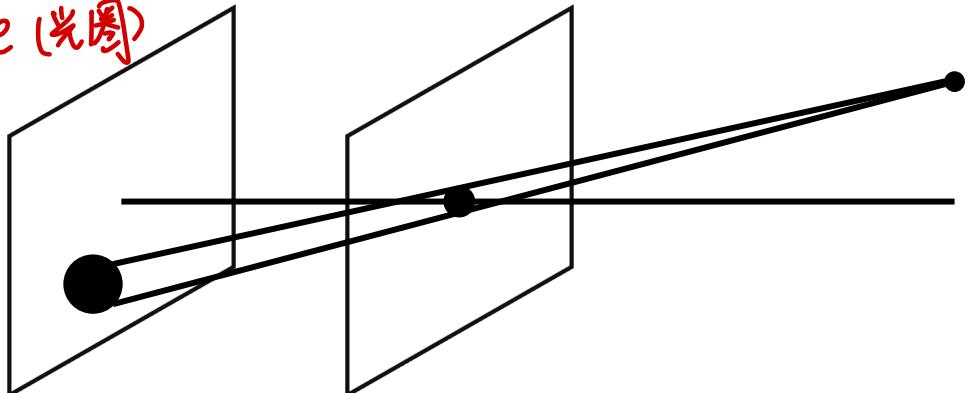


Size of pinhole : aperture (光圈)

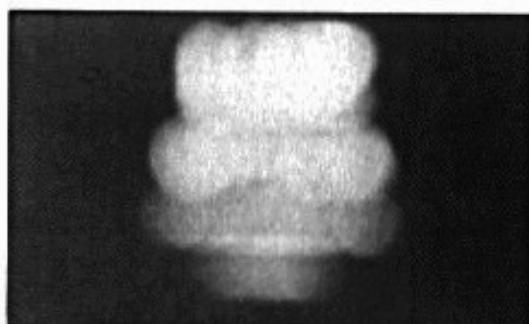
Finite Pinhole

- 1 point generates region
- Blurry.**

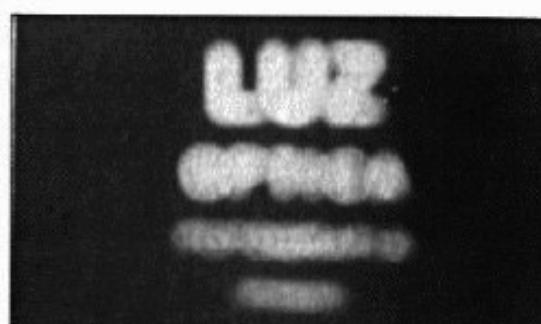
Why is it blurry?



Limitations of Pinhole Model



2 mm



1 mm



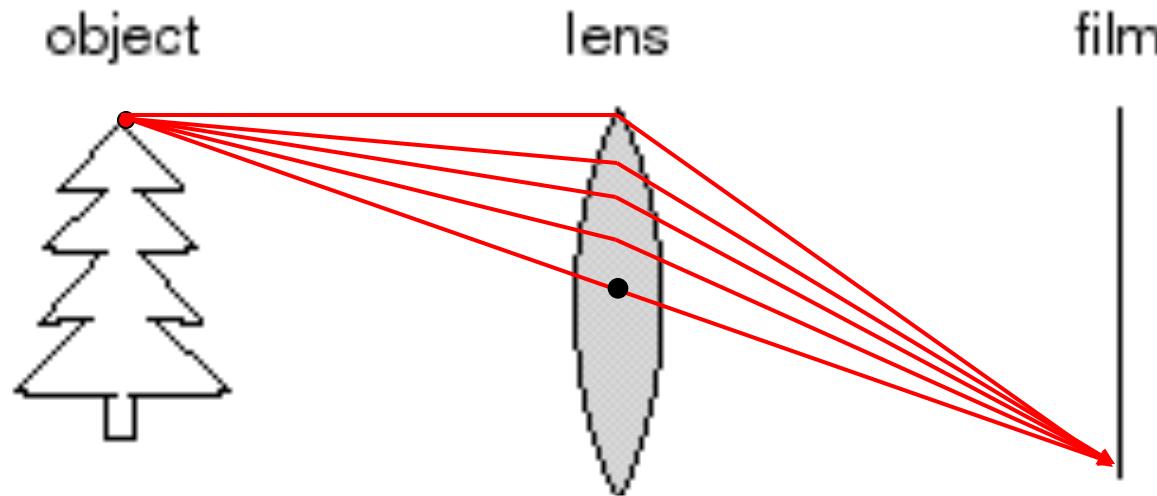
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0.35 mm

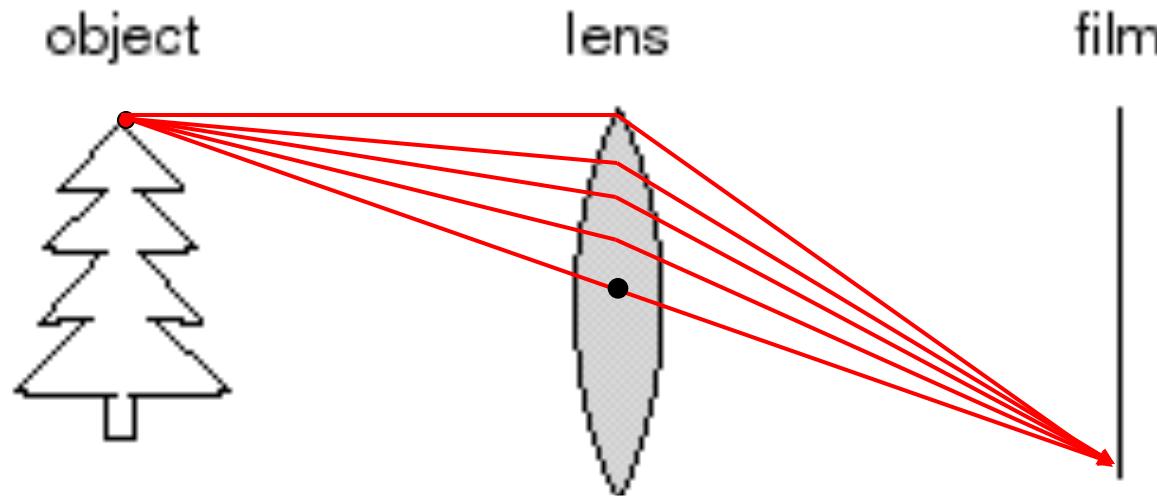
Low-light & sharpness trade-off

Adding a Lens



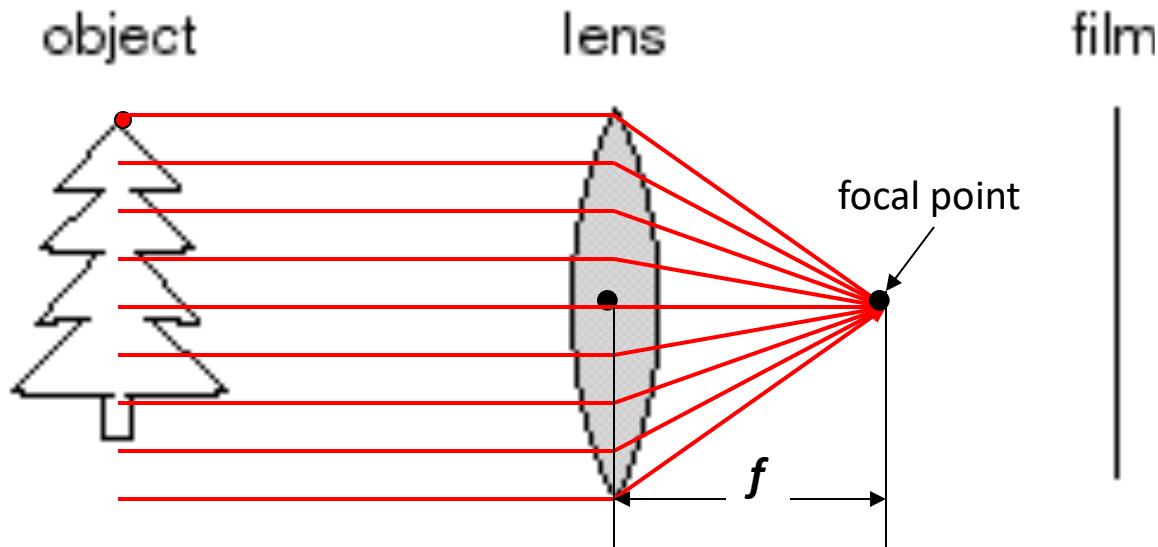
- A lens focuses light onto the film
- Thin lens model: rays passing through the center are not deviated (pinhole projection model still holds)
- More light → brighter!

Ideal Lens



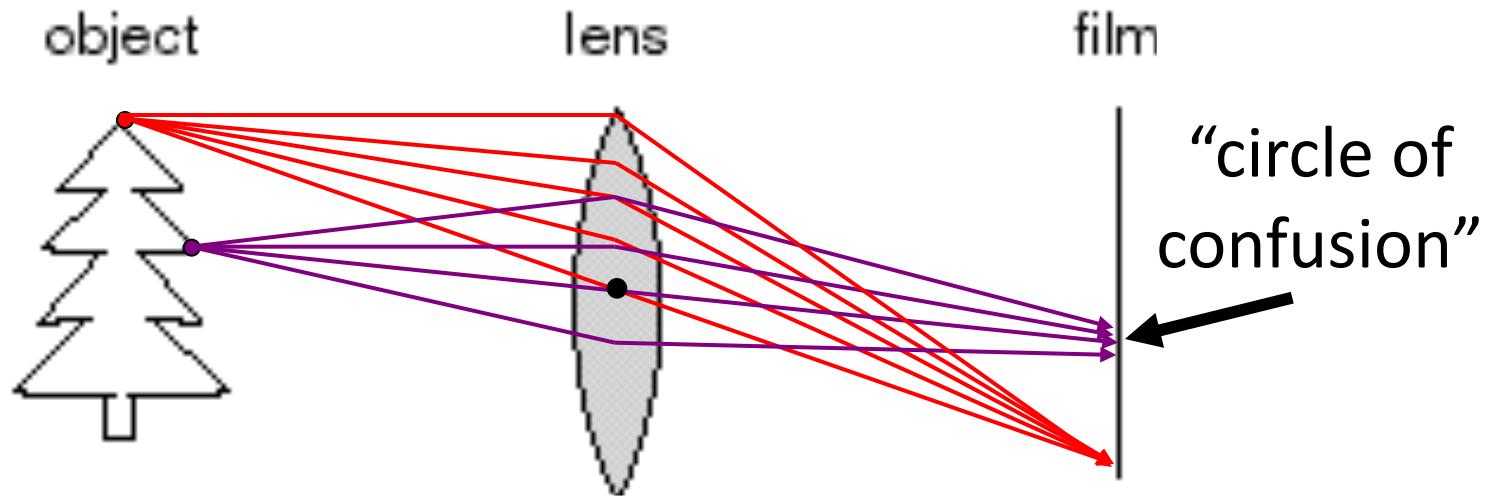
- All rays from a single point converge to a single point on the image plane

Adding a Lens



- All rays parallel to the optical axis pass through the *focal point*
- f is focal length or focal distance to avoid confusion
- Intrinsic quantity of a lens *we use this*

What's The Catch?



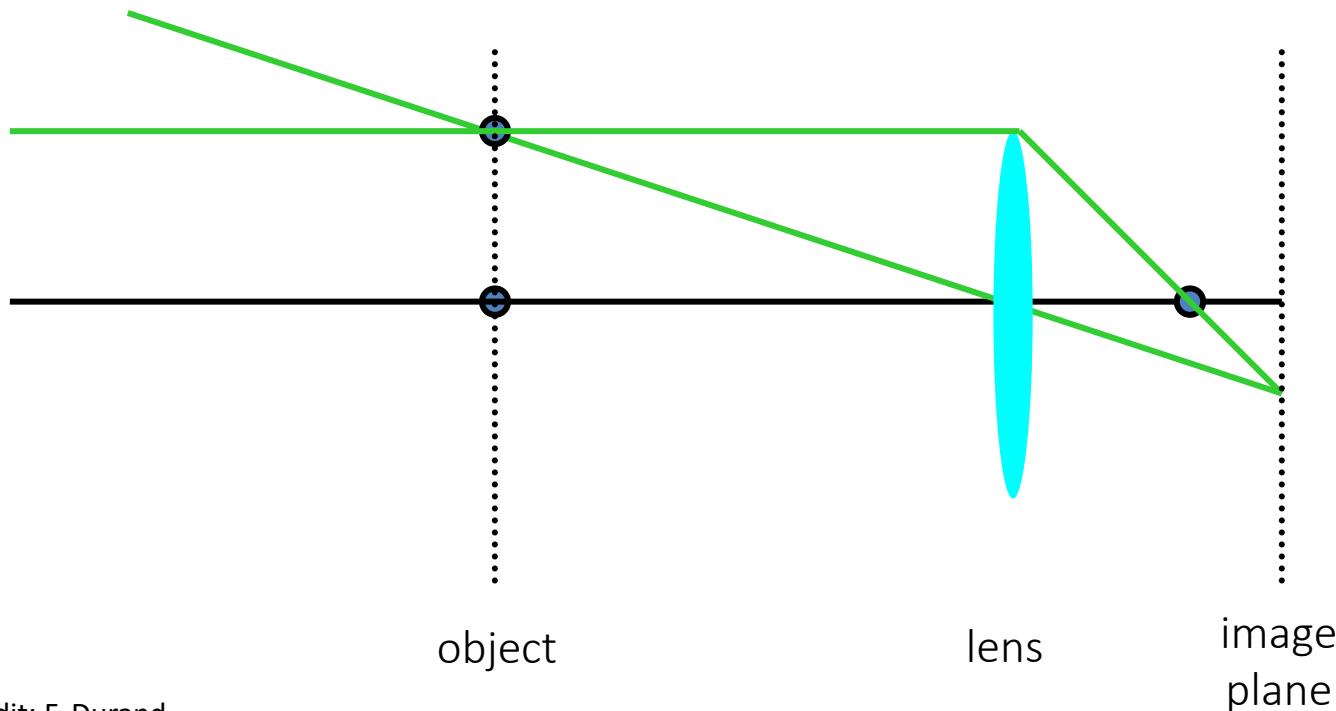
- Assuming fixed imaging plane and lens
- There's a distance where objects are “in focus”
- Other points project to a “circle of confusion”

Thin Lens Formula

We care about images that are in focus.

When is this true?

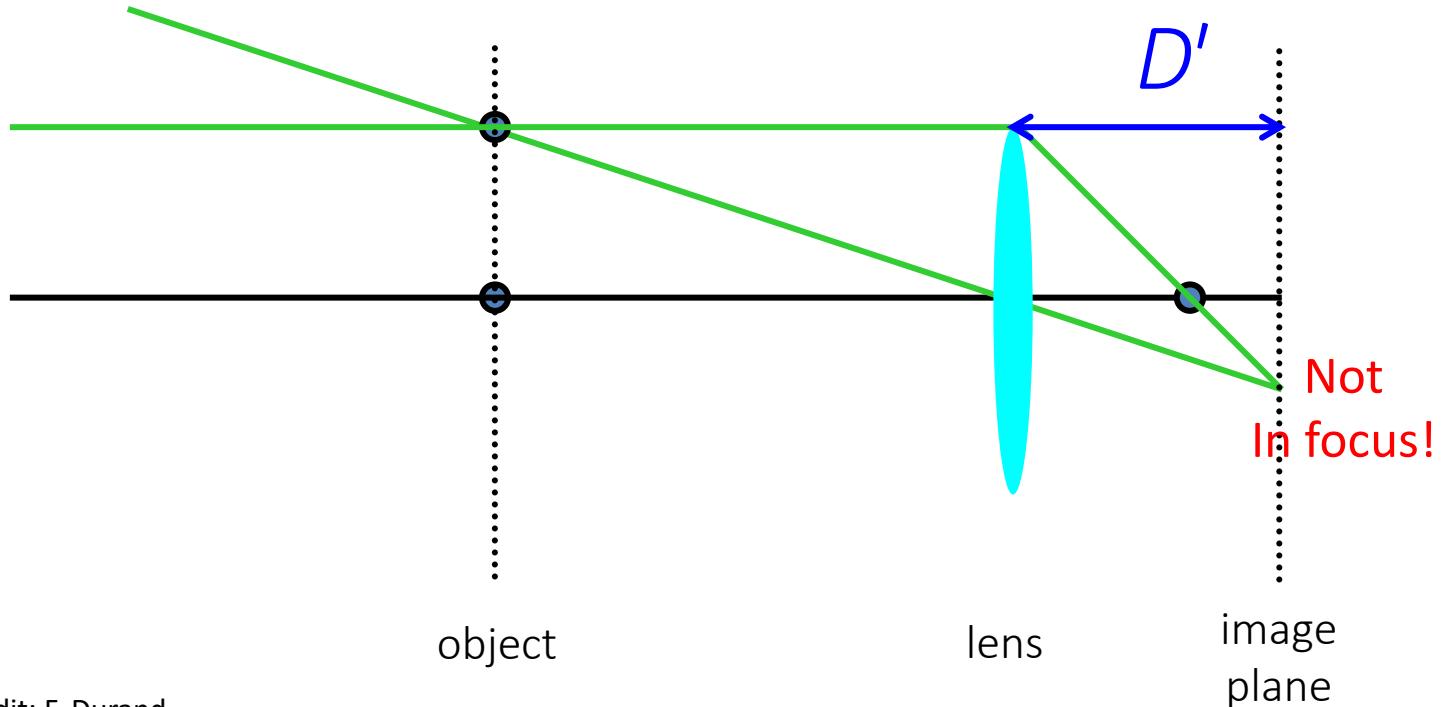
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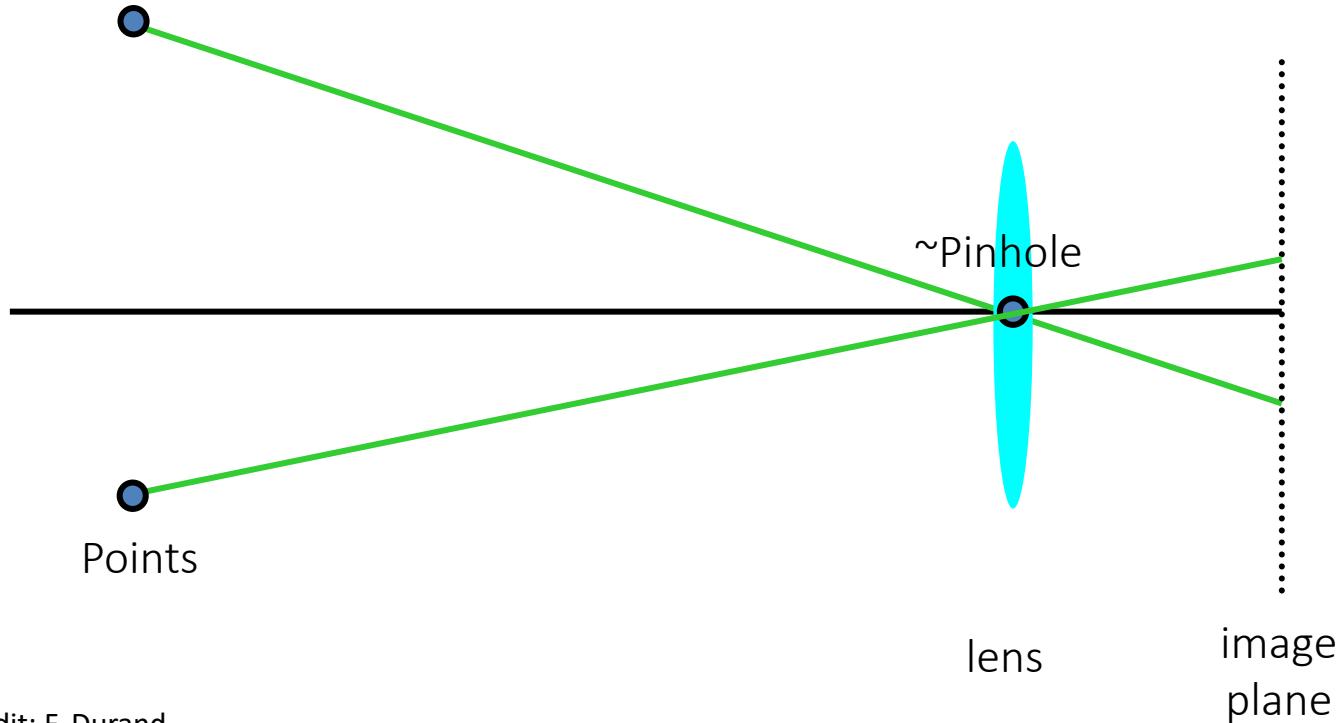
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D' : “In-focus” image plane distance



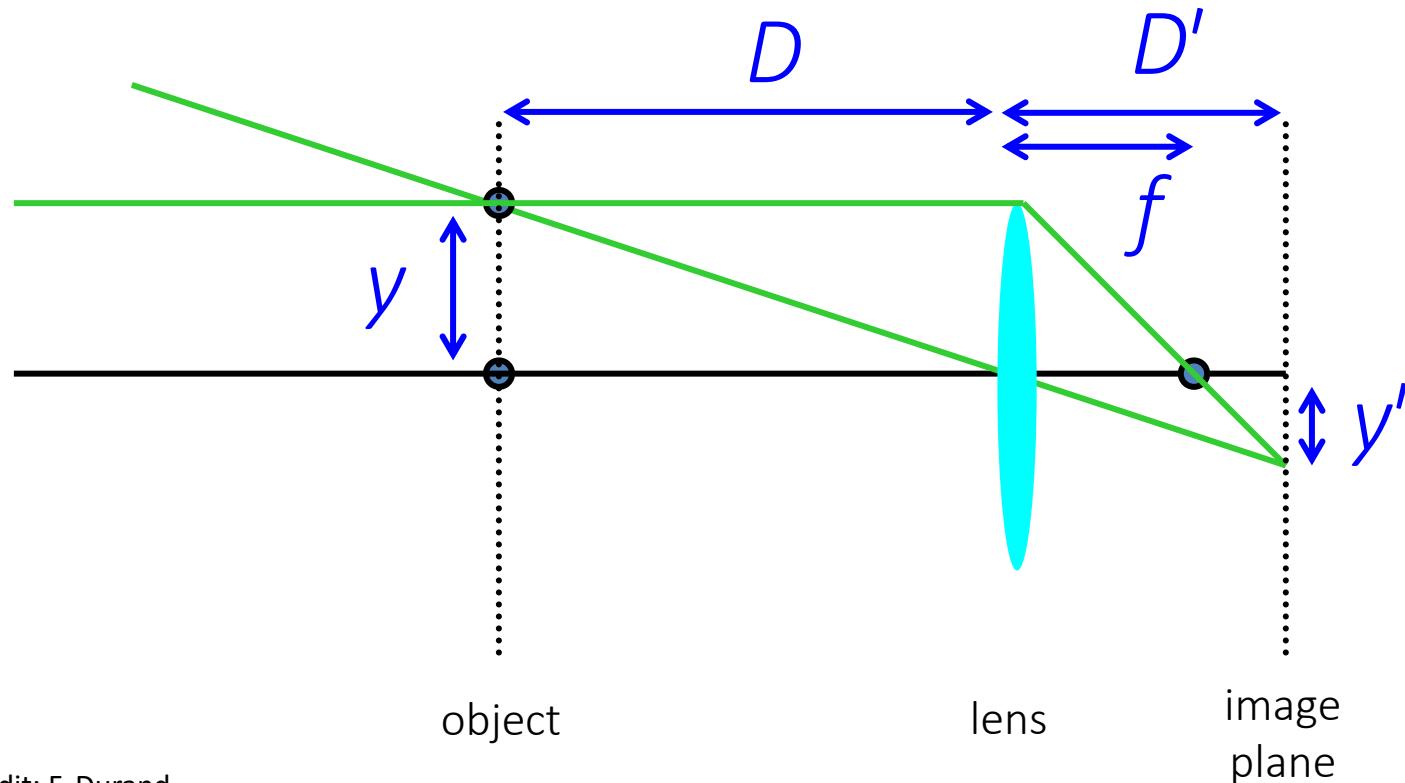
Thin Lens Formula

If in focus, the Thin Lens model approximates the pinhole model



Thin Lens Formula

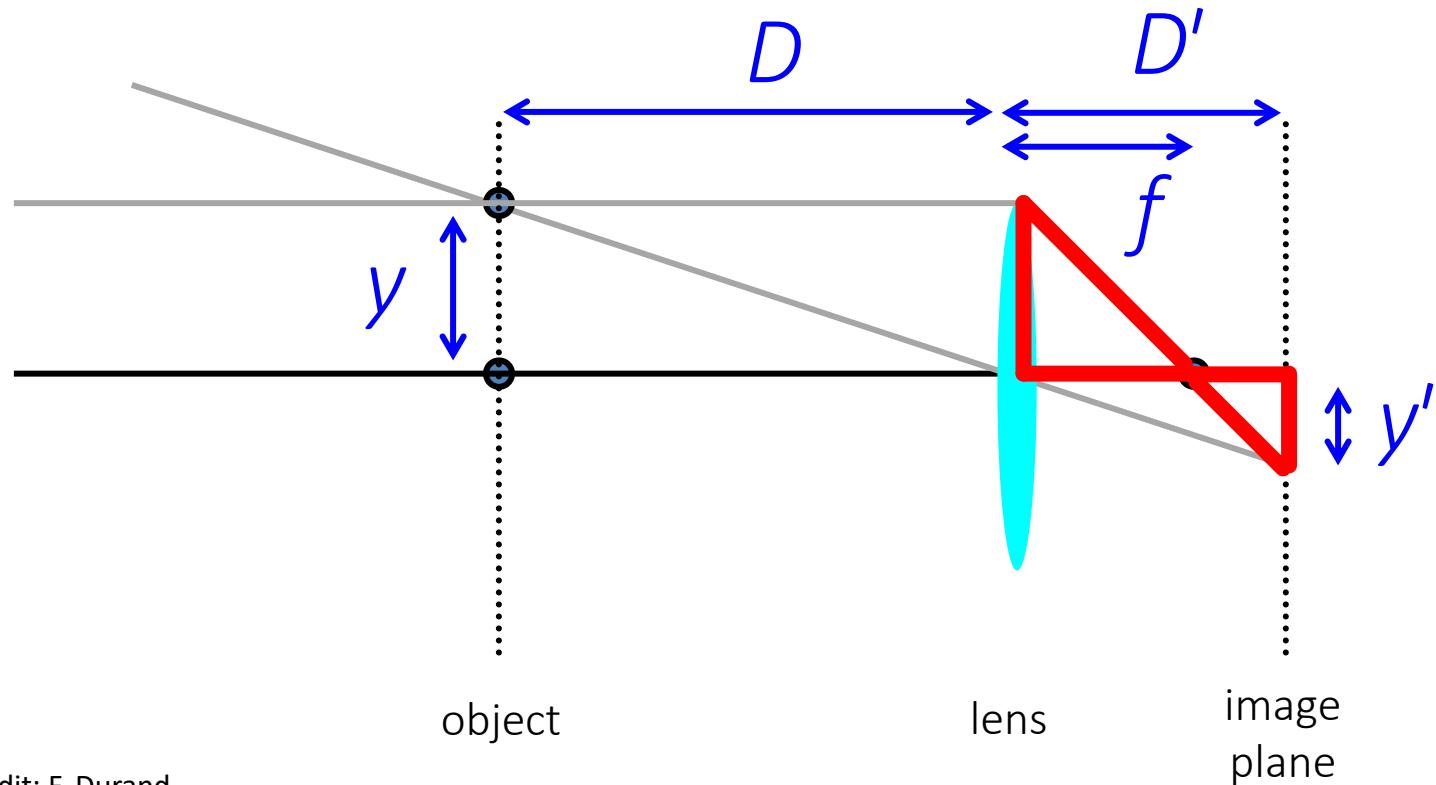
Let's derive the relationship between object distance D , in-focus distance D' , and focal distance f .



Thin Lens Formula

One set of similar triangles:

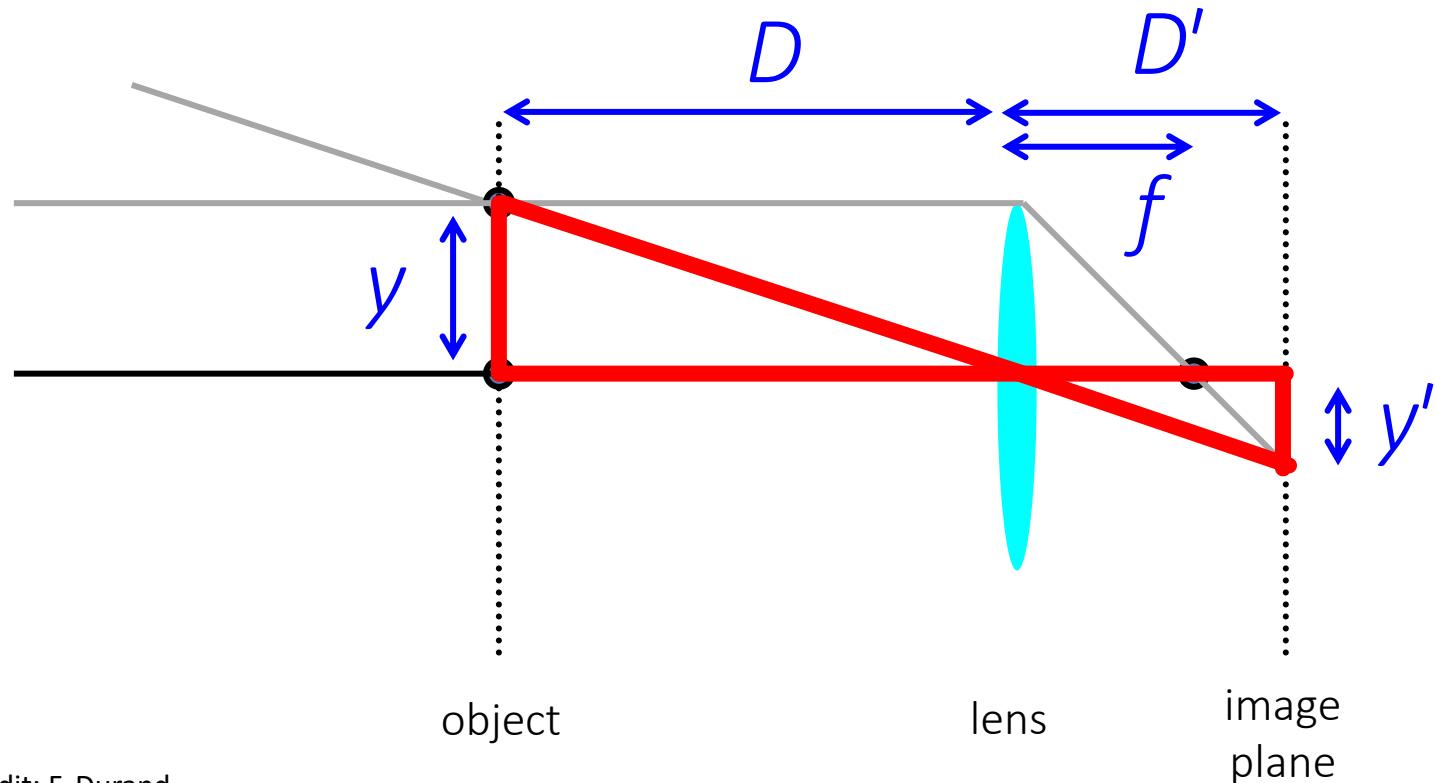
$$\frac{y'}{D' - f} = \frac{y}{f} \rightarrow \frac{y'}{y} = \frac{D' - f}{f}$$



Thin Lens Formula

Another set of similar triangles:

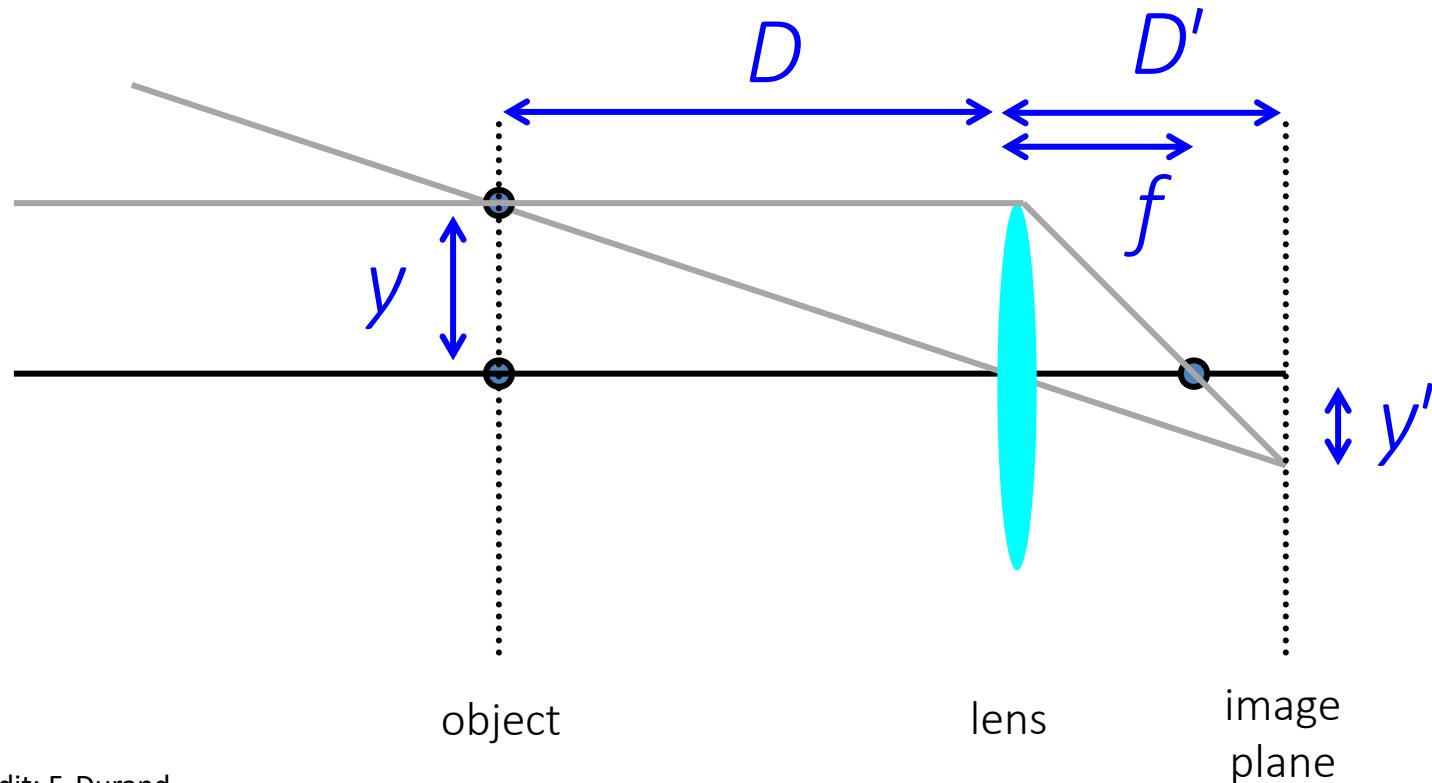
$$\frac{y'}{D'} = \frac{y}{D} \rightarrow \frac{y'}{y} = \frac{D'}{D}$$



Thin Lens Formula

Set them
equal:

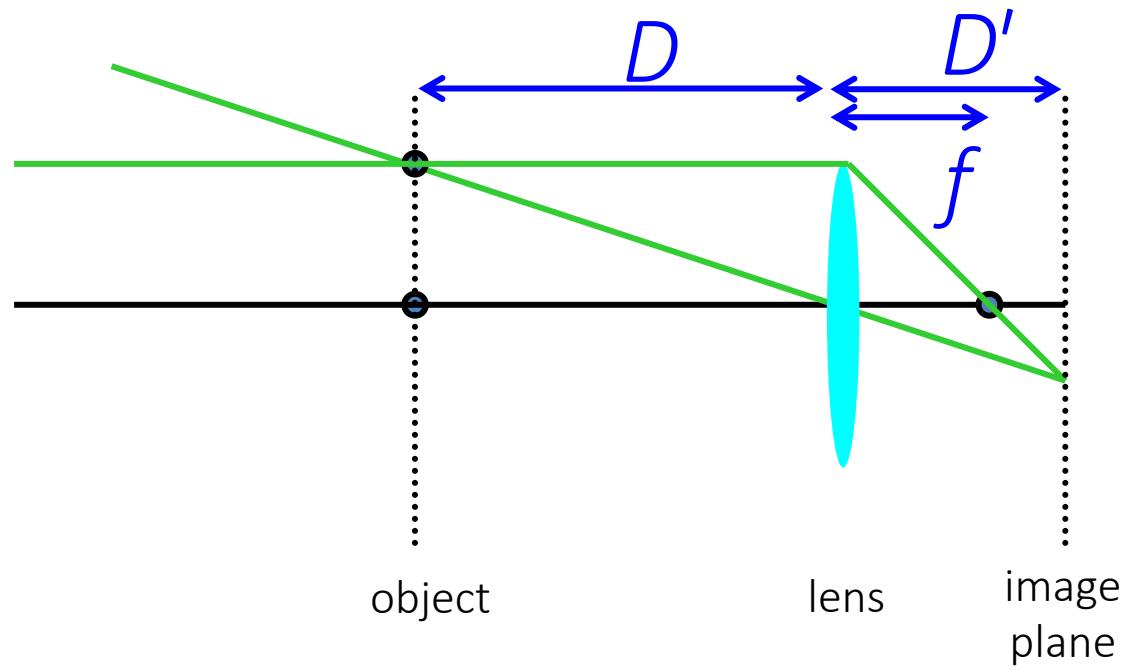
$$\frac{D'}{D} = \frac{D - f}{f} \rightarrow \frac{1}{D} + \frac{1}{D'} = \frac{1}{f}$$



Thin Lens Formula

How do we take pictures of things at different distances?

$$\frac{1}{D} + \frac{1}{D'} = \frac{1}{f}$$



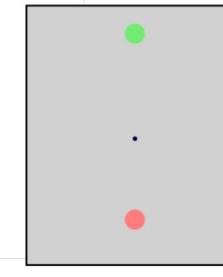
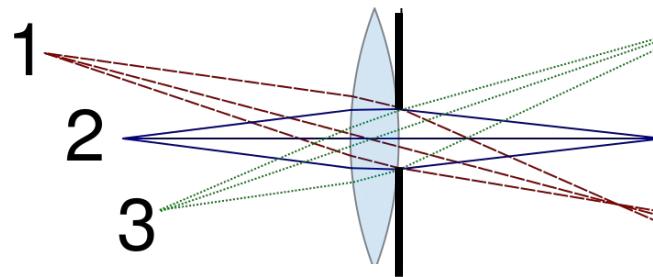
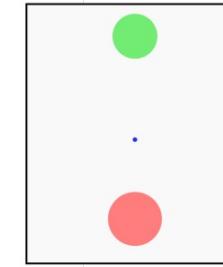
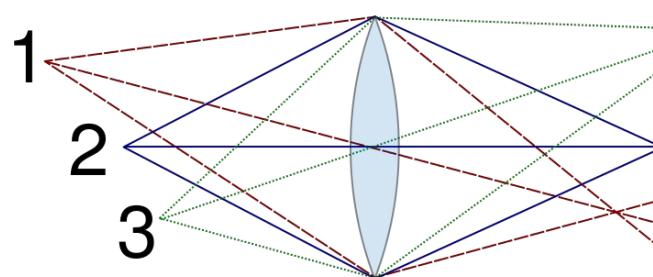
Depth of Field



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<http://www.cambridgeincolour.com/tutorials/depth-of-field.htm>

Controlling Depth of Field

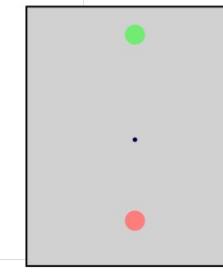
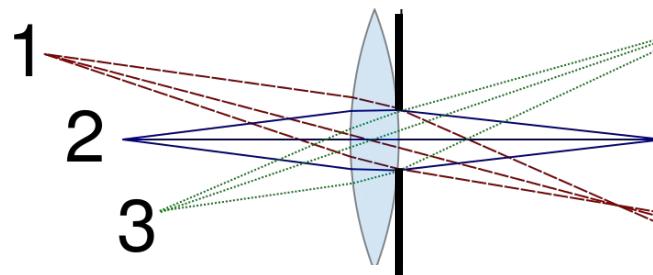
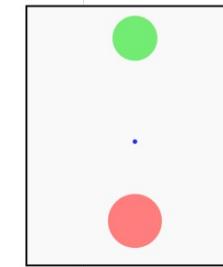
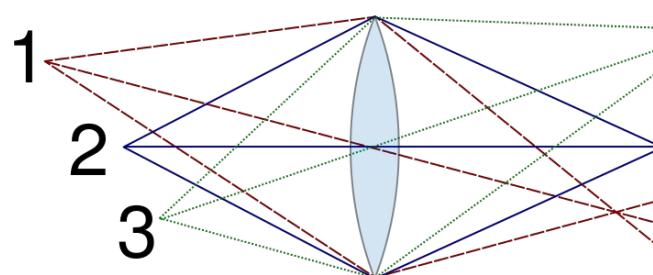


increase the depth of field.

Changing the aperture size affects depth of field

A smaller aperture increases the range in which the object is approximately in focus

Controlling Depth of Field



If a smaller aperture makes everything focused,
why don't we just always use it?

Varying the Aperture

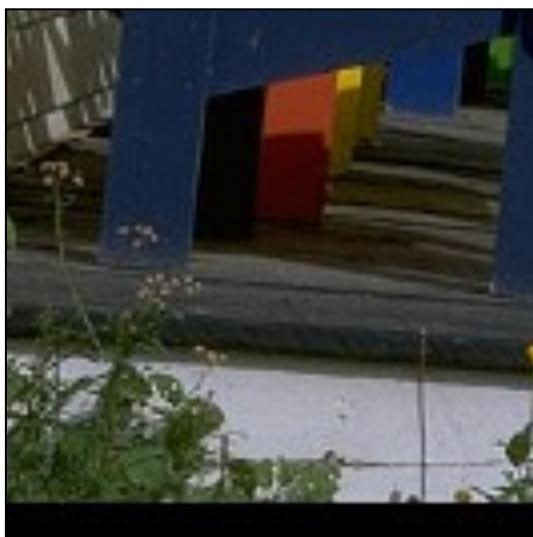


Small aperture = large DOF



Large aperture = small DOF

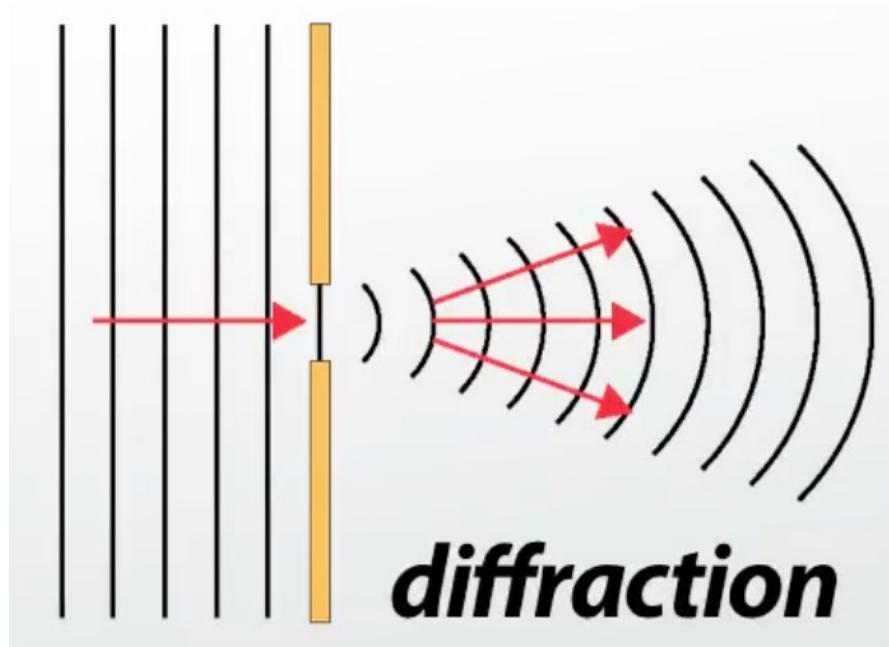
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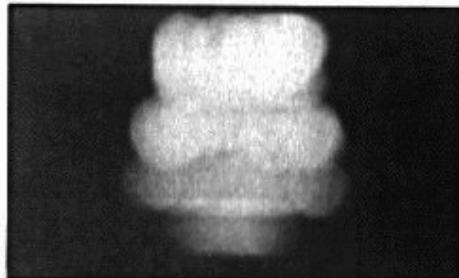
More Light
→ Brighter!

Diffraction 行事 .

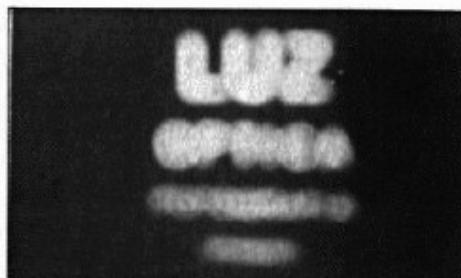
- Small holes (slits) induce diffraction
- Light doesn't travel like a ray
- See beyond line of sight! (around the corner)



Diffraction



2 mm



1 mm



0.6mm



0.35 mm



0.15 mm



0.07 mm

Field of View and Focal Length



wide-angle

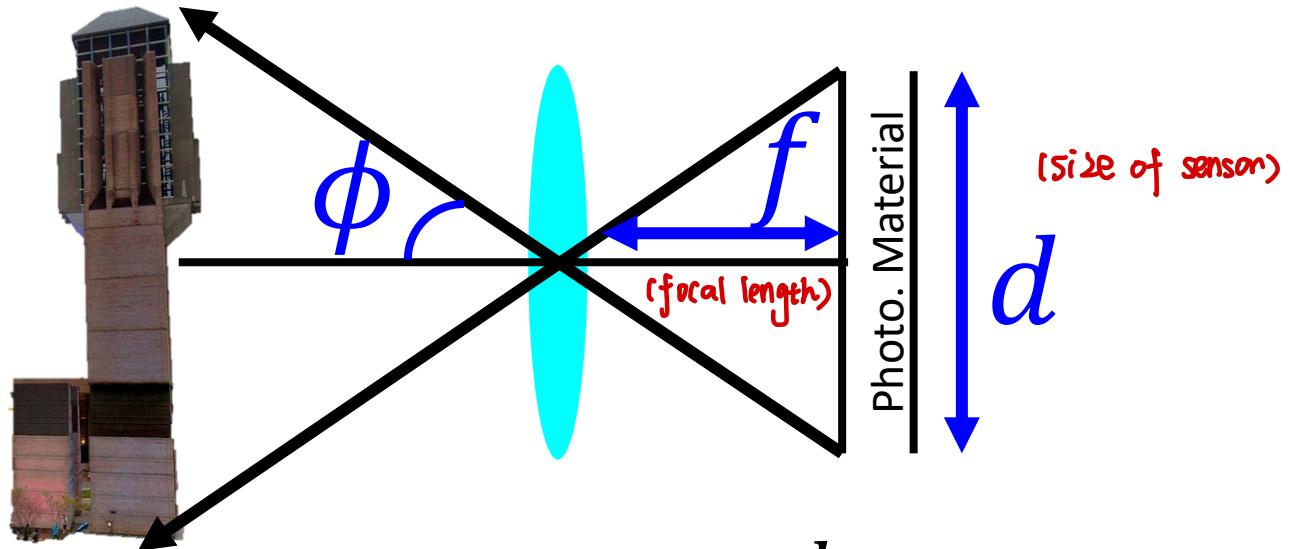


standard



telephoto

Field of View (FOV)



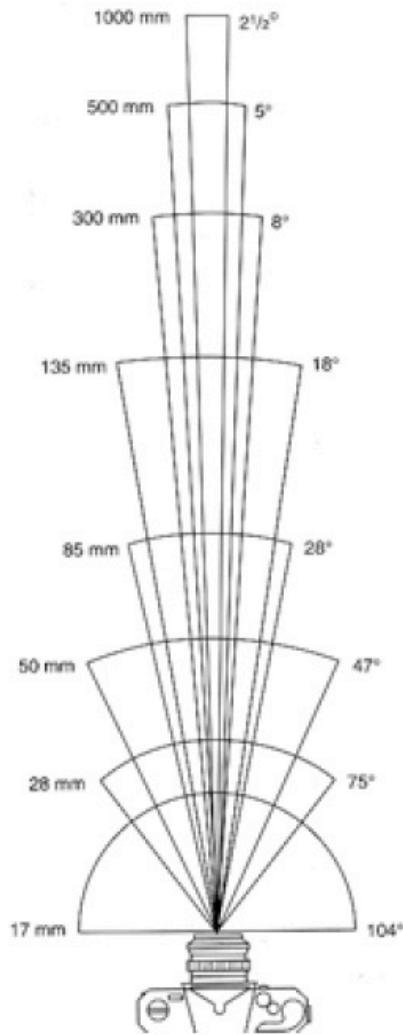
$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{d}{2f} \right)$$

\tan^{-1} is monotonic increasing.

How can I get the FOV bigger?

$f \downarrow$ or $d \uparrow$

Field of View



17mm



28mm

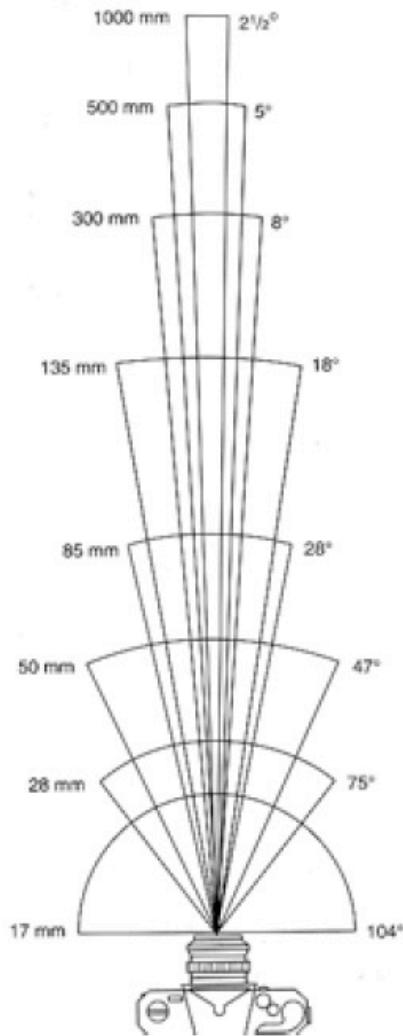


50mm

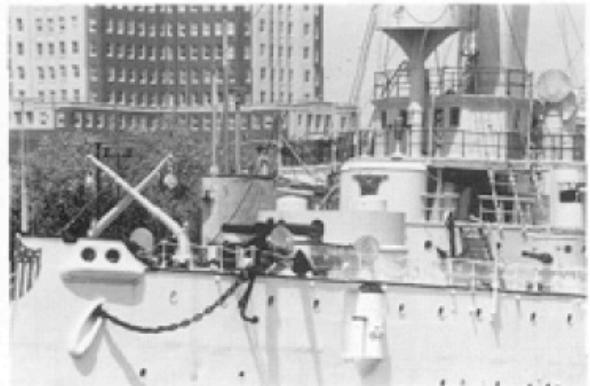


85mm

Field of View



135mm



300mm

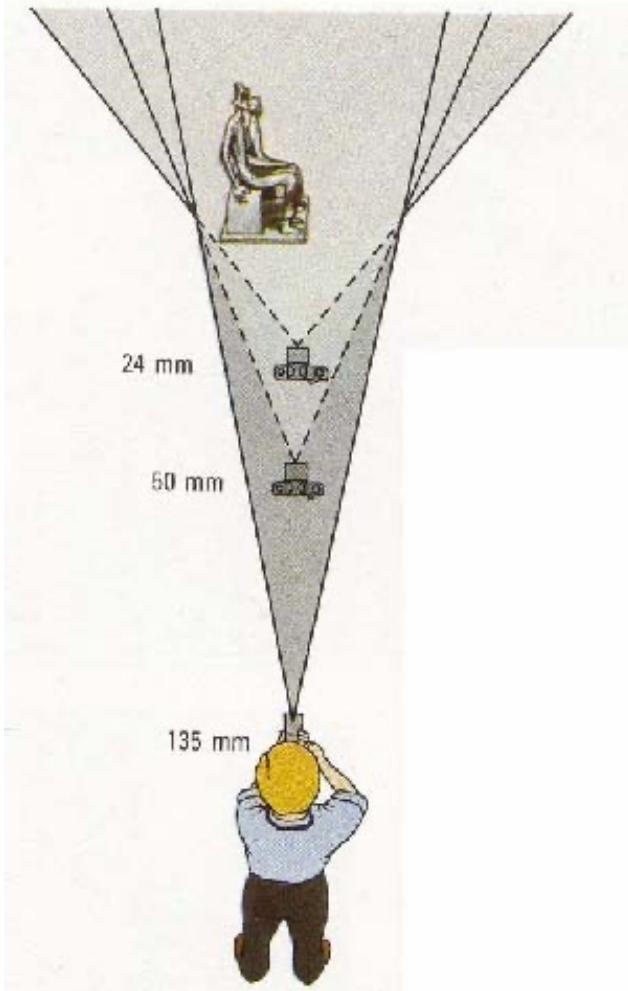


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Field of View and Focal Length



Large FOV, small f
Camera close to car



Small FOV, large f
Camera far from the car

Dolly Zoom

Change f and distance at the same time



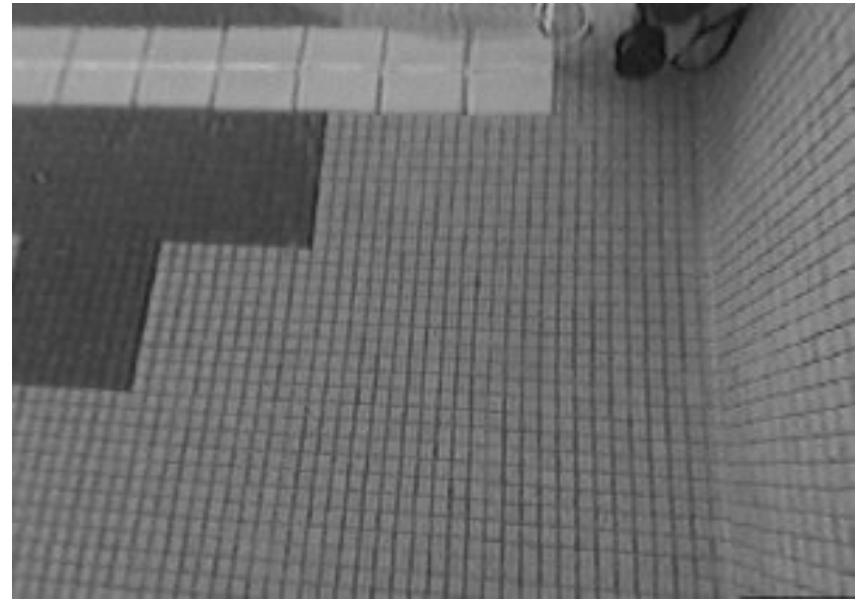
More Bad News!

- First a pinhole...
- Then a thin lens model....



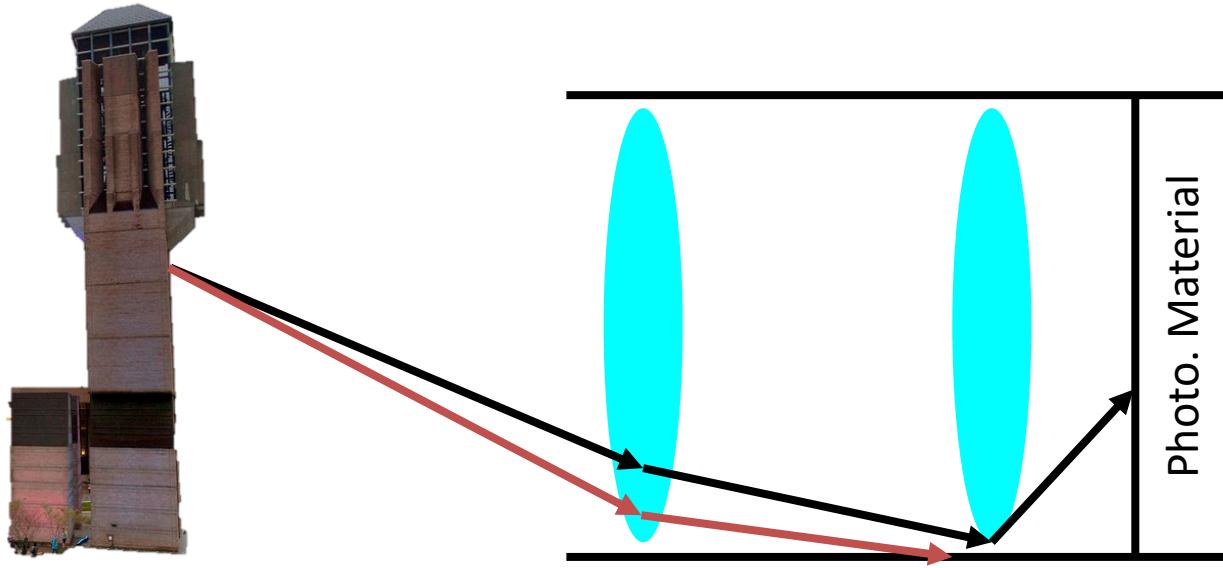
Lens Flaws: Radial Distortion

Lens imperfections cause distortions as a function of distance from optical axis



Less common these days in consumer devices

Vignetting



**What happens to the light between the
black and red lines?**

Edge rays are easier to be blocked!

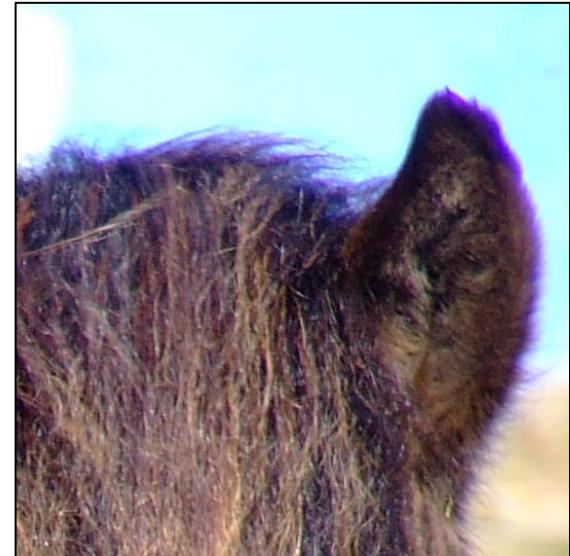
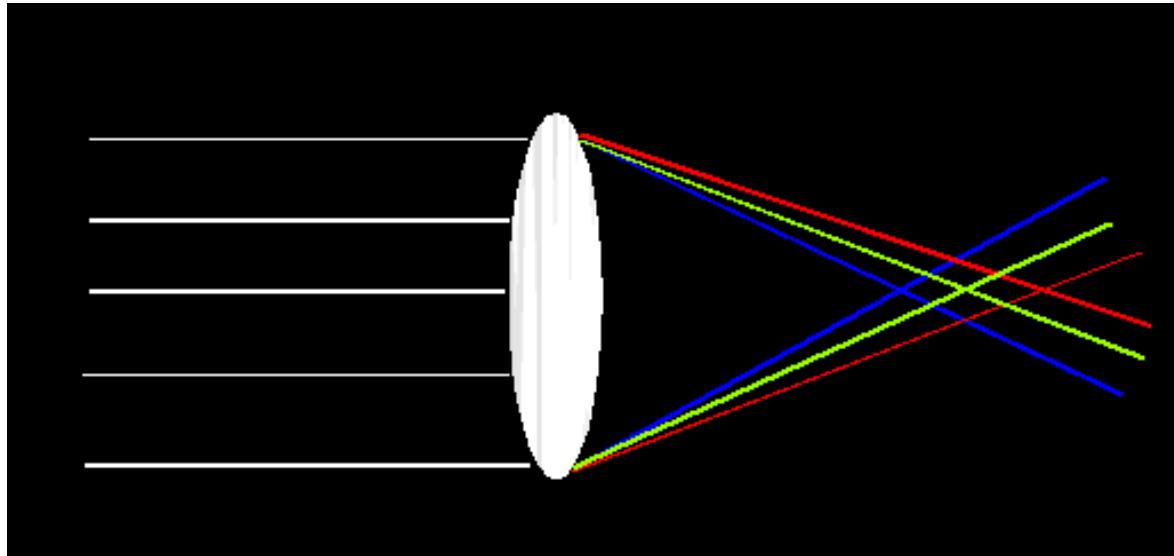
Vignetting



Photo credit: Wikipedia (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vignetting>)

Lens Flaws: Chromatic Abberation

Lens refraction index is a function of the wavelength. Colors “fringe” or bleed



Lens Flaws: Chromatic Abberation

Researchers tried teaching a network about objects by forcing it to assemble jigsaws.

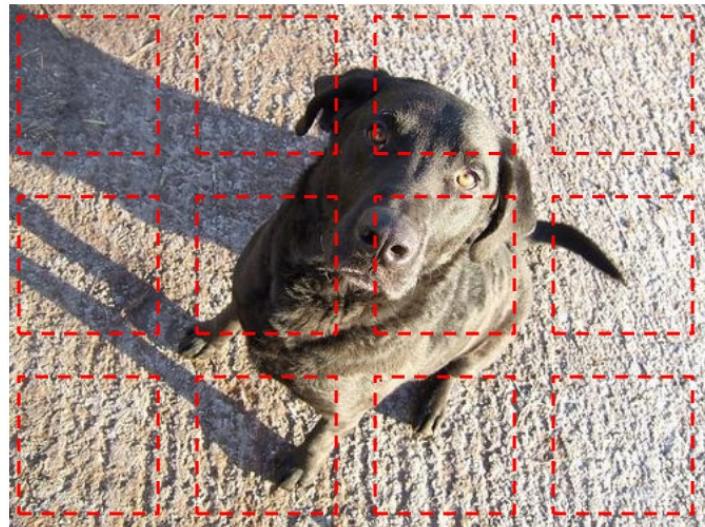
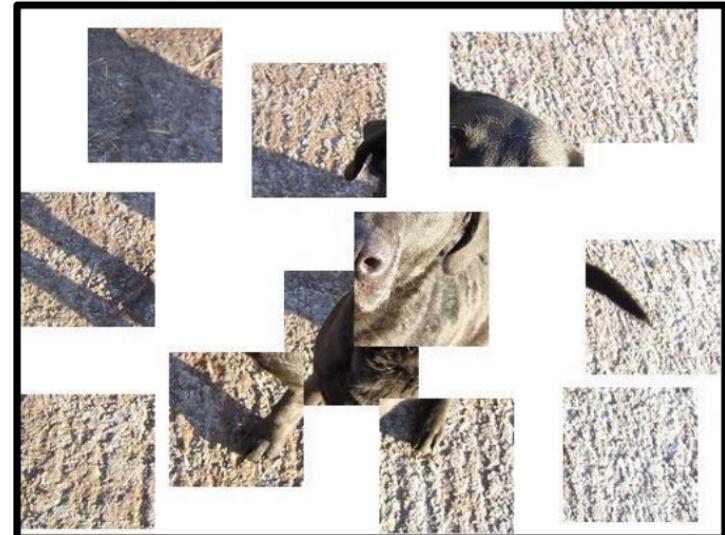


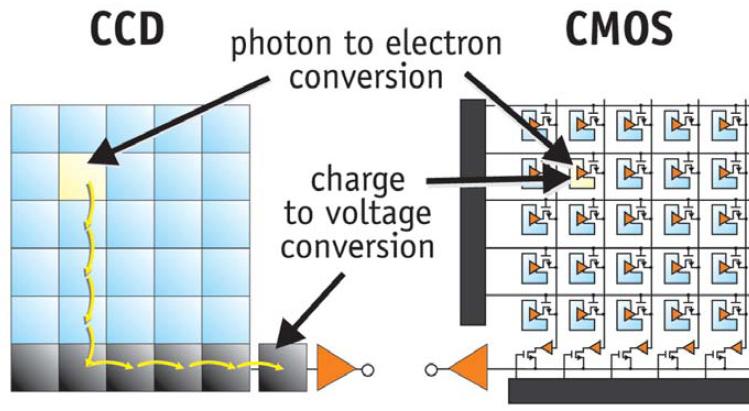
Image layout
is discarded



We can recover image layout automatically

Initial layout, with sampled patches in red

From Photon to Photo

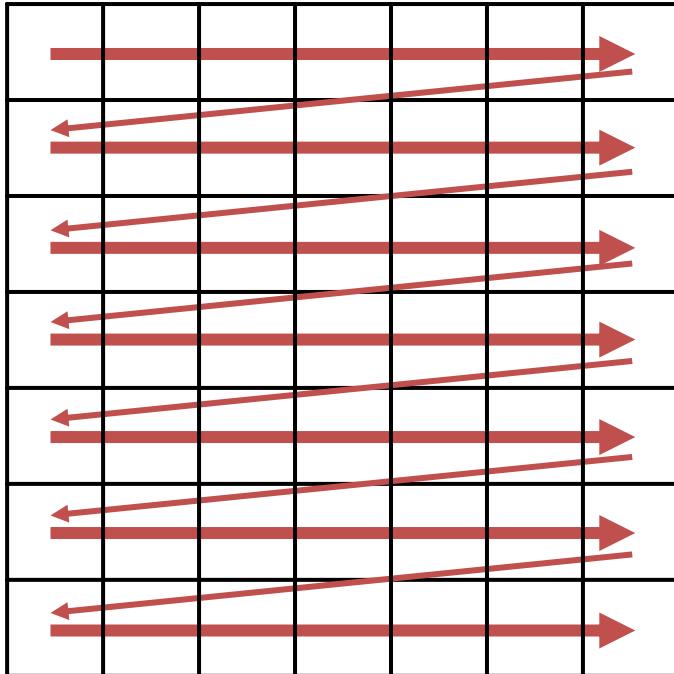


CCDs move photogenerated charge from pixel to pixel and convert it to voltage at an output node. CMOS imagers convert charge to voltage inside each pixel.

- Each cell in a sensor array is a light-sensitive diode that converts photons to electrons
 - Dominant in the past: **Charge Coupled Device (CCD)**
 - Dominant now: **Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor (CMOS)**

From Photon to Photo

Rolling Shutter: pixels read in sequence
Can get global reading, but \$\$\$

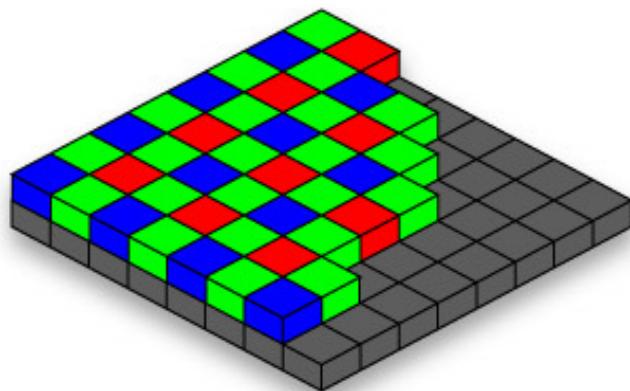


Don't Panic! In this class:

- We mostly assume the images are in focus
- We mostly assume that all complex camera effects are not there
- Assume these effects to be already corrected, e.g., lens distortion or Vignetting
- Ideal Pinhole model is sufficient for many cases

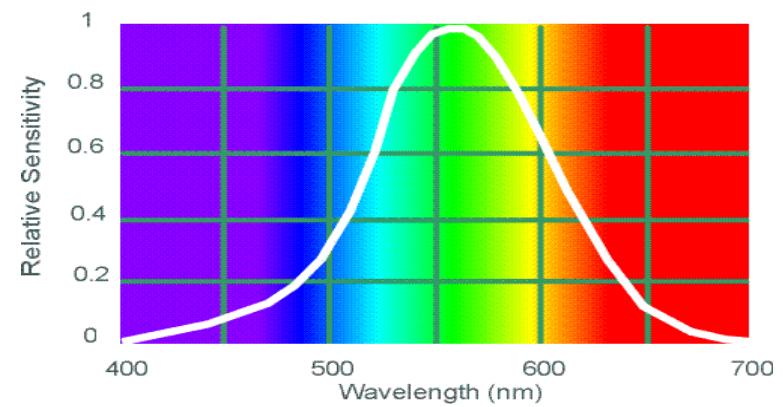
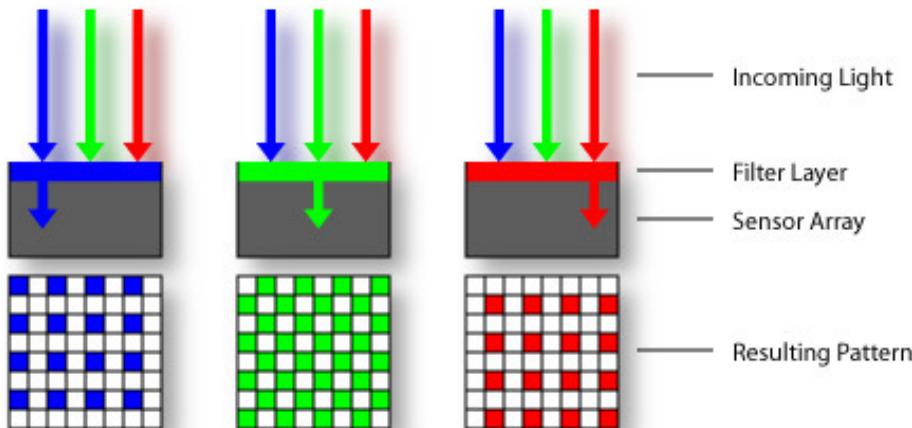
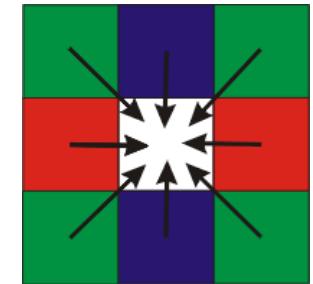
Preview of What's Next

Bayer grid



Demosaicing:

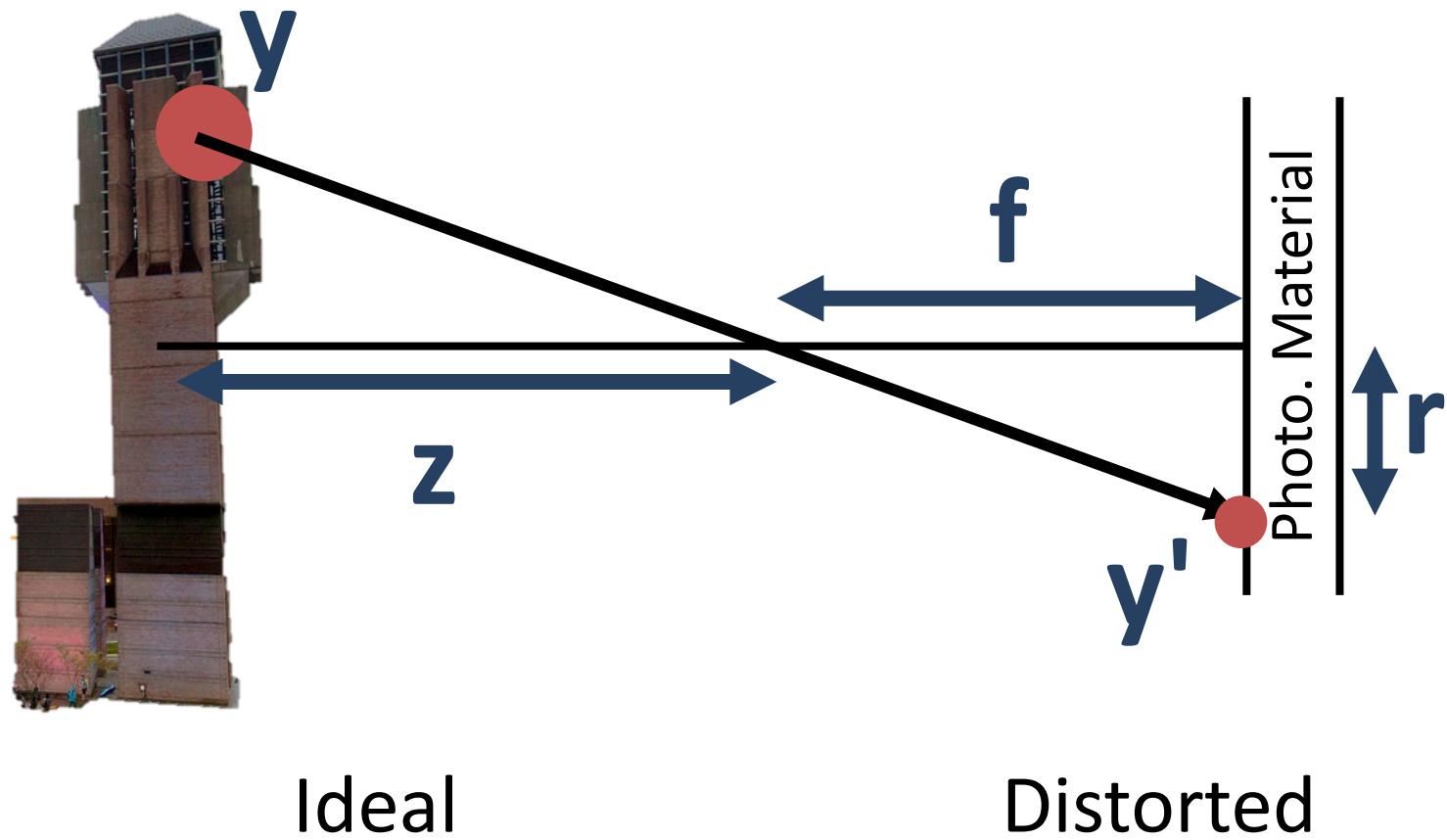
Estimation of missing components
from neighboring values



For the Curious

- Cut in the interest of time

Radial Distortion Correction



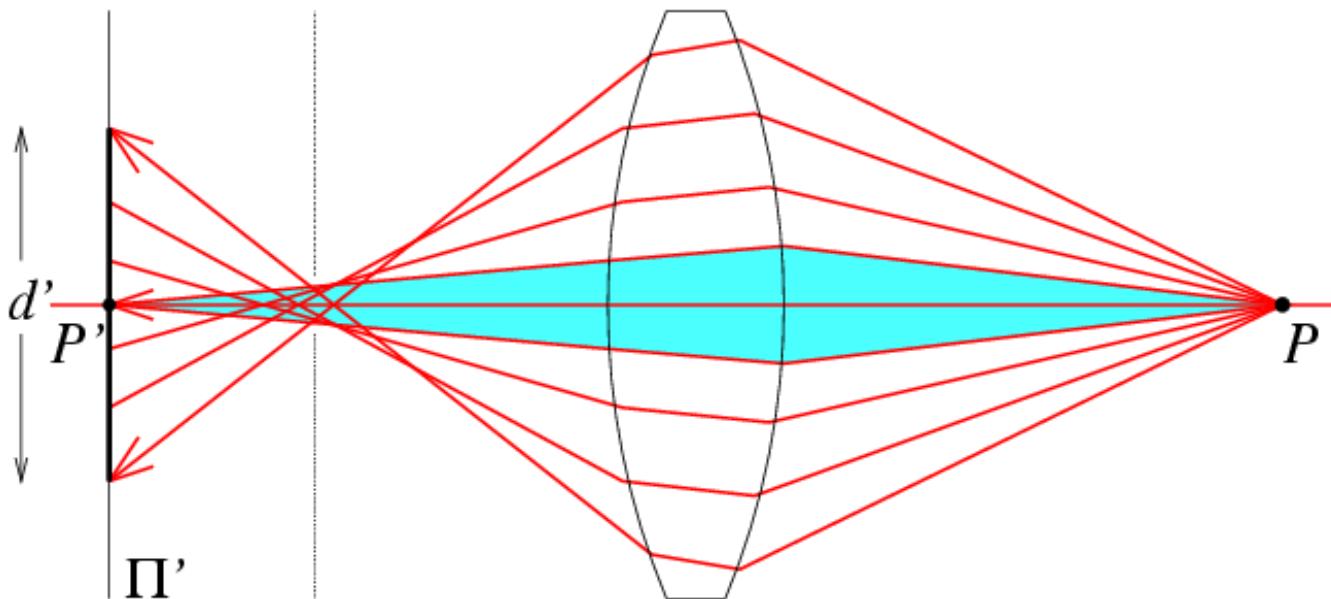
$$y' = f \frac{y}{z}$$

$$y' = (1 + k_1 r^2 + \dots) \frac{y}{z}$$

Lens Flaws: Spherical Abberation

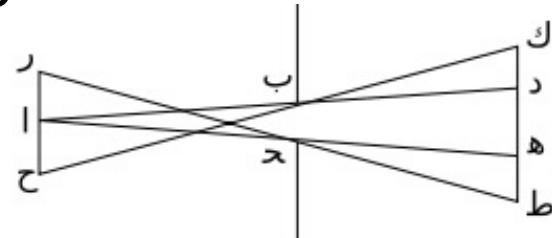
Lenses don't focus light perfectly!

Rays farther from the optical axis focus closer

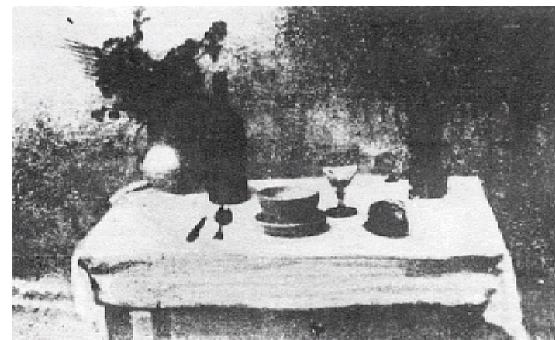


Historic milestones

- **Pinhole model:** Mozi (470-390 BCE), Aristotle (384-322 BCE)
- **Principles of optics (including lenses):** Alhacen (965-1039 CE)
- **Camera obscura:** Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519), Johann Zahn (1631-1707)
- **First photo:** Joseph Nicéphore Niépce (1822)
- **Daguerreotypes** (1839)
- **Photographic film** (Eastman, 1889)
- **Cinema** (Lumière Brothers, 1895)
- **Color Photography** (Lumière Brothers, 1908)
- **Television** (Baird, Farnsworth, Zworykin, 1920s)
- **First consumer camera with CCD** Sony Mavica (1981)
- **First fully digital camera:** Kodak DCS100 (1990)



Alhacen's notes



Niépce, "La Table Servie," 1822



Old television camera

First digitally scanned photograph

- 1957, 176x176 pixels



Historic Milestone

Sergey Prokudin-Gorskii (1863-1944)
Photographs of the Russian empire (1909-1916)

Blue
Filter
(B)



Green
Filter
(G)

Red
Filter
(R)



Historic Milestone



Future Milestone

Your job in homework 1:
Make the left look like the right.



Note: it won't quite look like this – this was done by a professional human. But it should look similar